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流香と土屋がよりを戻したと勘違いしてしまった静。流香への未練を残したまま慰め合うように島津と付き合い始めてしまう。初めて出来た自分の彼女…だが、ふとした瞬間に何かが物足りないと感じる静。流香もまた溢れ出す想いを止め、淋しさを受けとめてくれる土屋に甘えてしまい…!?

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CHAPTER 30
LONELINESS

DID YOU REALLY GIVE UP ON RUKA-SAN?

SHIZUKA,

.....

HE WOULD OBVIOUSLY GO ON TO TELL KOTONO.

WHEN YUU FOUND OUT ABOUT MY RELATION-SHIP WITH SHIMAZU.

BUT,

SHE'S NOT RUKA-SAN.

YOU SHOULD BE BLESSING ME FOR GETTING A GIRLFRIEND.

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I SEE …

WHAT'S WITH YOU?

WHY WOULD YOU SET YOUR HEART ON SOMETHING WITH NO BASIS LIKE THAT?

IF THINGS WOULD HAVE WORKED OUT WITH THE TWO OF YOU, I THOUGHT IT WOULD HAVE GONE WELL WITH YUU AND ME...

Sigh...

IT'S BECAUSE,

I WANT TO BELIEVE DREAMS CAN COME TRUE IF YOU DON'T GIVE UP.

IF YOUR DREAM CAME TRUE THEN IT WOULD GIVE ME HOPE.

I'M HAPPY RIGHT NOW.

IS THAT NOT GOOD ENOUGH?

BUT MY DREAM CAME TRUE...

I GOT TOGETHER WITH A GIRL I HAD UNREQUITED LOVE FOR 3 YEARS I DID NOT GIVE UP ONCE.

IN THAT CASE,

YOU SHOULD LOOK HAPPIER.

YOU DON'T LOOK HAPPY AT ALL.

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WHO WOULD MAKE THAT IDIOTIC FACE!

YOU GOT A BEAUTIFUL GIRL AS YOUR GIRLFRIEND AND YOU HAD SEX FOR THE FIRST TIME. YOU SHOULD LOOK SUPER HAPPY LIKE THIS.

YUU-CHAN IS JUST SULKING.

IF THAT HAD NOT HAPPENED THEN I'D BE SUPER HAPPY.

I JUST DON'T FEEL ALL THAT FESTIVE SINCE THINGS HAVE BEEN AWKWARD WITH YUU AFTER THE INCIDENT WITH SHIMAZU.

SHIMAZU-SAN WAS THE GIRL OF HIS DREAMS WHICH YOU TOOK AWAY FROM HIM.

AND HIS BELOVED SHIZUKA WAS TAKEN AWAY BY SHIMAZU-SAN.

AND IF YUU PASSES HIS COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS, AND KOTONO GETS HER GRADES UP I'LL BE EXTREMELY HAPPY.

YOU'RE BROTHERS AFTER ALL.

JUST LET HIM BE. HE'LL BE ALRIGHT.

DESPITE APPEARANCES YUU-CHAN REALLY LOVES HIS FAMILY.

DON'T SAY SUCH CREEPY THINGS.

BE-LOVED?

THAT'S ALL YUU-CHAN AND I WANT.

ALL THAT MATTERS IS THAT YOU'RE HAPPY.

I MEAN CUT THIS OUT AND CONCENTRATE ON STUDYING!

AREN'T YOU DOING ALL THE BOASTING FOR ME?

SO GO AHEAD! START BOASTING ABOUT YOUR GIRLFRIEND!

YEAH, YUU IS FINE.

HOW ARE THINGS ON YOUR END?

HAPPY... HUH?

I SEE.

SOUNDS PRETTY ROUGH.

OK.

YES. I UNDER-STAND.

IT'S ALRIGHT DON'T WORRY.

IN THAT ROOM THERE ARE STILL TRACES OF WHEN SHIMAZU WAS LIVING HERE.

GOOD NIGHT.

BEING ALONE IN THIS PLACE AFTER SPENDING ALL THAT TIME WITH HER,

IT MAKES ME FEEL VERY LONELY.

FORCES ME TO REMEMBER.

SHIMAZU'S SCENT...

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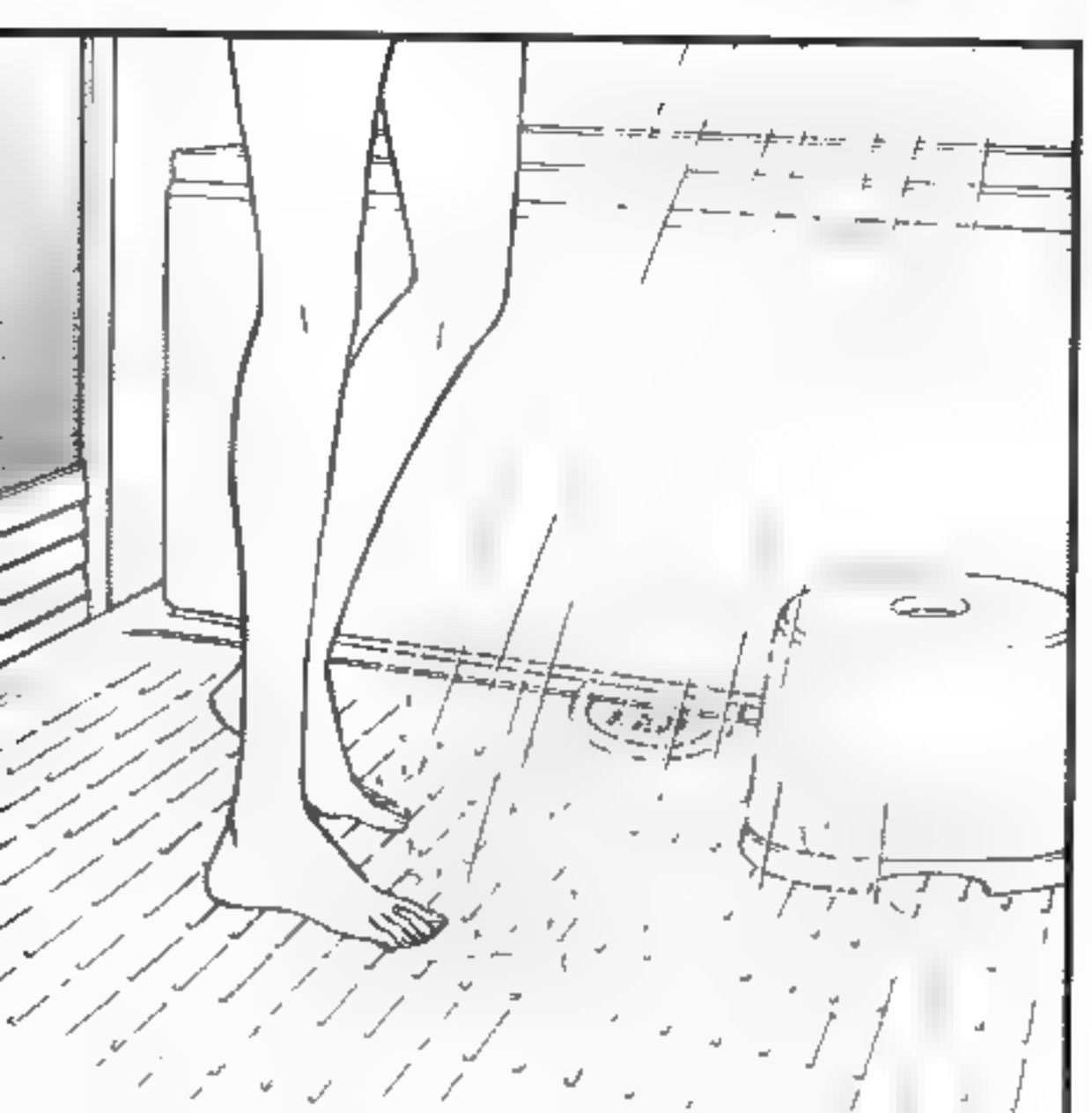
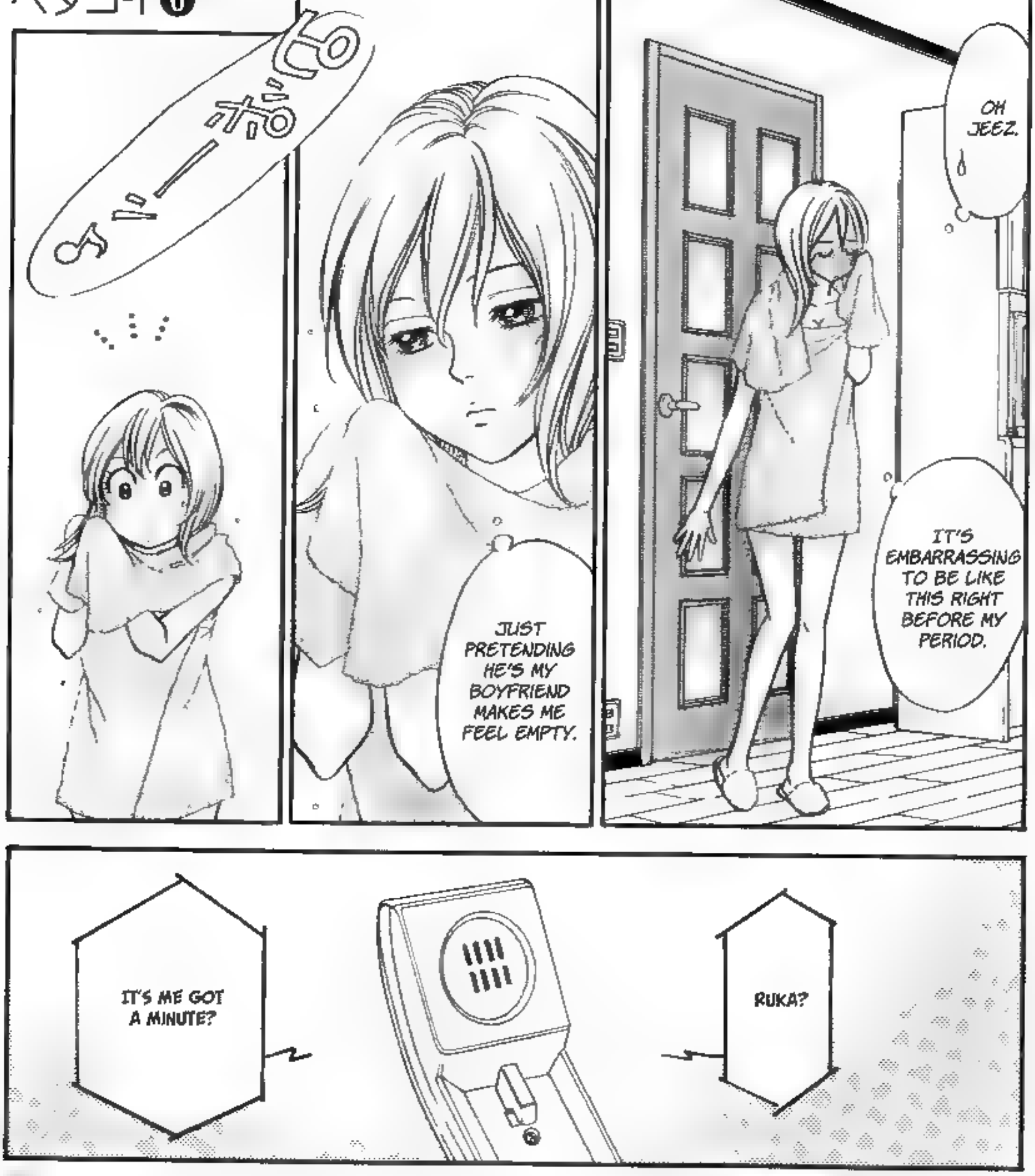


HE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE THE ONE TO TOUCH ME.

HE WAS THE ONE WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO TAKE ME.

THE FEELING OF LOSING THAT...

PAINFULLY THROBS WITHIN MY BODY...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OH JEEZ.
JUST PRETENDING HE'S MY BOYFRIEND MAKES ME FEEL EMPTY.
IT'S EMBARRASSING TO BE LIKE THIS RIGHT BEFORE MY PERIOD.
IT'S ME GOT A MINUTE?
RUKA?
YEAH, HOLD ON...
DON'T COME HERE AT A BAD TIME EX IMAGINARY BOYFRIEND!

WHAT?

HUH?

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHEN I TAKE ONE DOES IT!

WHAT DO YOU WANT!?

YOUR HAIR IS WET.

YOU TOOK A BATH IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY?

I KNOW

I HEARD IT FROM THE PREZ.

DESPITE THE FACT I DECIDED NOT TO SEE HIM AGAIN.

I MOVED BACK TO MY OLD APARTMENT

I THOUGHT I SHOULD AT LEAST COME SAY HELLO.

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL HIM EVERYTHING WAS SUPPOSED TO BE OVER WITH THAT KISS?

WHAT DID YOU TELL HIM ABOUT ME?

I ALSO HEARD YOU WERE STAYING AT GRANPA'S PLACE.

HUH?

I KNOW IT WAS IN AN OUTBURST OF RAGE.

HE SAW EVERYTHING.

HE DUMPED ME BECAUSE OF YOU.

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL HIM?

.....

THAT'S USE-LESS.

HE ALREADY HAS A GIRLFRIEND.

DO YOU WANT ME TO TELL HIM IT MEANT NOTHING?

I...

IT'S OBVIOUS YOU SHOULDN'T DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT!

YOU IDIOT!

THEN SHOULD I SEDUCE HIS GIRL AND YOU STEAL HIM BACK...

BUT THEN I WON'T FEEL RIGHT...

...grrrrrrrrl=

JUST DON'T DO ANYTHING.

JUST LEAVE HIM ALONE.

SFX- STOMACH GROWL

DON'T WORRY.

I'LL KEEP WHATEVER "THAT'S FAR ENOUGH" DISTANCE YOU DEEM FIT.

I'M JUST SO LONELY.

HOLD ON...

I'LL GO DRY MY HAIR.

HOW ABOUT I TREAT YOU TO LUNCH FOR NOW?

THAT MUCH IS FINE RIGHT?

I KNOW I SHOULDN'T DEPEND ON HIM.

THAT NIGHT,

I WAS USING THE UNISEX SHOWERS AT THE LODGE RIGHT.

IF IT'LL HELP ME FORGET THIS LONELINESS EVEN FOR A LITTLE BIT.

SO OBVIOUSLY I GET A HARD ON.

BUT MY EYES ARE GLUED TO ONE SPOT!

NA.

THAT HOT GIRL FROM THE AFTERNOON COMES IN.

COMPLETELY NAKED!

SINCE SHE'S THIS BEAUTIFUL I MIGHT GO FOR IT.

I WAS HESITATING AT THAT MOMENT THINKING THAT.

SHE HAD THE SAME THING DANGLING BETWEEN HER LEGS.

!

THANKS FOR THE MEAL...

YEAH...

I JUST WANT HIM TO BE THERE FOR ME AS JUST A FRIEND.

YOU SHOULD HAVE SEDUCED HER.

WHO KNOWS IT COULD HAVE BEEN A FATED ENCOUNTER RIGHT?

I'LL LOOK IT UP ONLINE.

I BET I FAILED ANYWAY.

.....

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO SEE IF YOU PASSED?

AFTER THE INCIDENT WITH SHIMAZU OUR CONVERSATIONS ARE ONLY THE NECESSARY MINIMUM.

AS USUAL THINGS HAVE BEEN REALLY AWKWARD BETWEEN US.

MY LONELI-NESS JUST KEEPS INCREA-SING.

WHILE SHIMAZU IS HAVING TROUBLE WITH HER BROKEN ENGAGEMENT,

I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO SEE HER EITHER.

I GUESS I CAN'T RELY ON WHAT KOTONO SAID...

BRO!
BRO!
BRO!

THIS CAN'T BE REAL!

I PASSED!!

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LET'S CELEBRATE TONIGHT.

CALL KOTONO AND LET'S ALL HAVE FUN.

YEAH...

ALSO_

CALL SHIMAZU-SAN TOO.

...

HUH?

THE TEARS WOULD NOT STOP AFTER HEARING SUCH UNEXPECTED GOOD NEWS.

THANK YOU.

IT'S THANKS TO YOU BRO.

EVEN THE ALL TEARS I'VE HELD BACK UNTIL NOW WERE POURING OUT.

I DIDN'T EVEN GET TO SAY GOOD-BYE.

SHE LEFT WHILE I WAS GONE.

WE'LL THROW A PARTY ON A DAY THAT'S ALSO CONVENIENT FOR HER.

IT WAS PROBABLY MORE THAN I THOUGHT.

OK I UNDER-STAND...

IN HIS OWN SINCERE WAY.

BUT YUU MIGHT HAVE ACTUALLY LIKED HER.

WELL THEN!

LET'S KICK OFF THE CELEBRATION OF YUU-CHAN'S ACCEPTANCE TO THE SCHOOL OF HIS FIRST CHOICE!

CHE——ERS

THAT IS ALL.

EVERYONE THANK YOU.

YUU-CHAN COME ON GIVES US A SPEECH!

OUCH!!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO OUT OF YOUR WAY FOR THAT!!

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I'LL CONTINUE TO MAKE A GREAT EFFORT ON MY GIRL HUNT IN COLLEGE AS WELL!

THAT'S IT!?

THAT IS ALL!

THANKS TO KOTONO,

THE PARTY WAS EXCITING AND QUITE LIVELY.

BUT WHILE SHE SEEMED VERY TIRED,

SHE HAD A CALM EXPRES-SION.

I HAD NOT SEEN SHIMAZU IN A WHILE.

HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE I'VE FELT THIS SATISFIED.

I THINK.

I AM HAPPY,

NICE JOB ON THOSE ENTRANCE EXAMS.

AH.

THANKS ...

HM.

YEAH.

MY FATHER LIKES TO COMPLICATE THINGS ONE WAY OR THE OTHER.

BUT HE'S FINALLY CALMED DOWN.

SHIMAZU-SAN AS WELL.

IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE HAVING A ROUGH TIME BACK HOME.

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I HAD FUN LIKE TODAY.

THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME.

YOU SHOULD HAVE PICKED ME.

YOU SHOULD HAVE JUST PICKED ME.

IF YOU WERE JUST LONELY,

AND ALL YOU WANTED WAS SOMEONE TO DEPEND ON.

IT IS A LOT BETTER THAN TWO PEOPLE CONSOLING EACH OTHER.

TWO LONELY PEOPLE CLINGING TO EACH OTHER,

THAT THE TWO OF YOU WILL FIND HAPPINESS LIKE THIS?

DO YOU THINK,

IT PROBABLY WON'T WORK OUT.

YEAH...

I JUST CAN'T SAY THAT YOU MIGHT BE BETTER THAN YOUR BROTHER.

AH SORRY.

THEN...

!

I THINK YOUR BROTHER AND I WON'T GET PAST THE LEVEL OF CONSOLING EACH OTHER.

WE'RE DATING BUT WITH NO EMOTIONS INVOLVED.

.....

AH...

I'M SORRY ...

BUT YOU'RE RIGHT...

KOMAI MIGHT STILL HAVE FEELINGS FOR RUKA-SAN.

AND IT'S NOT LIKE I'VE COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN ABOUT MY EX-BOYFRIEND.

AFTER WE BOTH SUBDUE OUR LONELINESS WHETHER OR NOT WE WILL NEED EACH OTHER,

THAT IS SOMETHING WE WON'T KNOW UNTIL THAT TIMES COME.

BUT RIGHT NOW THE PERSON I WANT THE MOST AT MY SIDE IS KOMAI.

CONSOLING EACH OTHER OR ANYTHING IS FINE.

FOR THE TIME BEING.

FOR REAL!?

YUP!

SINCE SENIOR YEAR IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.

My Brother!?

ALSO HE'S MY FIRST LOVE AFTER ALL.

I SEE...

BUT,
...
...
I TOLD YOU IN HIGH SCHOOL YOU JUST AREN'T MY TYPE, RIGHT?
AH-AAH ...
IF YOU HAD TOLD ME THAT BEFORE I WOULDN'T HAVE KEPT LIVING IN A DREAM.
I'M SORRY ...
AH!
IT'S FINE.
THANK YOU FOR WORRYING ABOUT ME THOUGH.

HEY SHIZUKA

HM?

AS LONG AS YOU'RE HAPPY.

I'M GLAD SHIMAZU-SAN IS A WONDERFUL GIRL.

I THINK ...

I AM HAPPY,

CHAPTER 31
CONFUSION

SO?

HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO PULL OFF THIS DISASTER WITH RUKA-CHAN?

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NO COMMENT...

"!"

YOU DID SOMETHING COMPLETELY RETARDED THE FIRST TIME YOU WERE HAVING SEX RIGHT?

I KNEW IT!

JUST A MONTH AGO SHE WAS ALL ABOUT GRANPA LOVE. ♡

THEN SHE SUDDENLY CHANGES HER MIND TWO WEEKS LATER?

YOU AND NACHI SAID "NO COMMENT" ABOUT THIS WHOLE INCIDENT.

SO I FIGURED IT HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THAT.

W-WHY WOULD YOU THINK THAT...?

BUT STILL,

THIS IS COMPLETELY UNBELIEVABLE.

GUESS IT WENT IN THE WRONG HOLE! HOW COULD I MAKE SUCH A MISTAKE?

NICE

.....

A MONTH AGO...

WHAT DID SHE SAY ABOUT ME?

WHAT...

DON'T TELL ME YOU PUT IT UP HER...

AH!

HEY...

THAT'S NOT IT.

THAT DAY...

OH YEAH.

REMEMBER HOW YOU COULDN'T MAKE IT TO THAT PARTY AFTER FINALS.

OH?

WELL SHE WAS PLANNING TO CONFESS TO YOU AT THAT TIME.

SHE SAID SHE WOULD DEFRIEND ANYONE WHO TOLD YOU BEFORE SHE DID SO WE WOULDN'T SAY ANYTHING.

NACHI WAS TEASING HER UNTIL HER FACE TURNED RED AND SHE GOT ANGRY.

BUT SOMEHOW YOU COULD TELL SHE WAS REALLY HAPPY ABOUT IT.

AT THAT TIME,

ふーん。

SO SHE WAS THINKING OF DATING ME...?

I JUST DON'T GET HOW WOMEN THINK.

SHE WAS LIKE HEAD OVER HEELS FOR YOU, GRANPA.

WHEN HE CAME BACK.

UNTIL THAT DAY,

SO,

IF YOU'RE GOING TO QUIT I'M QUITTING AS WELL.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT TABISEN?

SHE WAS REUNITED WITH HIM AGAIN.

THEN SHE QUICKLY CHANGED HER MIND...

DO IT BY THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL. DO SOMETHING.

IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN JUST QUIT ALL THE SUDDEN...

I'M IN CHARGE OF THE NEW MEMBERS DRIVE.

MOST OF TABISEN'S ACTIVITIES ARE HANDLED BY THE SOPHOMORE MEMBERS.

THAT'S TOO HEAVY A BURDEN FOR THE TWINS.

I ALSO THINK QUITTING IS JUST BEING IRRESPONSIBLE.

HEY!

THOSE AREN'T LINGERING EMOTIONS, RIGHT?

IT'S NOT THAT YOU DON'T WANT TO QUIT BECAUSE YOU STILL HAVE LINGERING FEELINGS FOR RUKA-CHAN, RIGHT?

THAT'S NOT IT...

I SEE.

ALRIGHT THEN IF THAT'S NOT THE CASE.

THE NEW MEMBERS DRIVE IS NOT FOR YOU TO HIT ON GIRLS...

YAJI-SAN...

NICE

LET'S INVITE A TON OF CUTE CHICKS FOR NEW MEMBERS!

SO IT'S DECIDED!

FEEL-INGS.

IT'S NOT ABOUT LINGERING ...

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THAT'S WHY.

TABISEN IS FUN,

BEING TOGETHER WITH LIKEMINDED PEOPLE.

IT'S NOT ABOUT LINGERING FEELINGS.

HELLO...

HEY!

AH YES.

THE TWINS WILL BRING YOU A SAMPLE.

ARE THE POSTER DESIGNS ALL DONE?

AFTER THIS IS THE LEADERS' MEETING FOR THE NEW MEMBERS DRIVE.

THE FRONT OF BUILDING NO.1 IS QUITE POPULAR SO THAT'S A NO GO. WE'RE BETTER OFF AIMING FOR THE FRONT OF BUILDING NO.9.

IF WE CAN'T GET NO.9 THEN LET'S GO WITH NO. 2.

I THINK THEY WILL BE DRAWING LOTS FOR THE PLACEMENT OF THE STANDS.

IT'S LIKE NOTHING EVER HAPPENED.

UNDER-STOOD...

IT'S USELESS EVEN IF I TELL HIM...

EVEN IN THAT SHORT TIME,

IT SEEMS MY FEELINGS NEVER GOT THROUGH TO HER.

ALSO TELL YAJI-KUN.

NOT TO ONLY INVITE GIRLS AS WELL.

TSU.!

...!

OH.

SO THIS IS WHERE YOU WERE?

I GOT TICKETS FROM THE SEMINAR ROOM FOR A PLAY.

IF YOU AND I CAN'T GO I FIGURED I'LL GIVE THEM TO SOMEONE WHO MIGHT WANT THEM.

W...

WHY ARE YOU HERE? YOU DIDN'T NEED TO COME ALL THE WAY HERE...

TONIGHT I HAVE THAT GET-TOGETHER WITH ALL THE NEW CLUB PRESIDENTS OF THE CULTURE ASSOCIATION...

IT'S ONE OF THOSE CURTAIN OPENS AT 7 SHOWS.

THEN KOMAI-KUN,

HOW ABOUT YOU TAKE YOUR GIRLFRIEND?

NO THANK YOU.

I SEE.

SO THINGS ARE GOING WELL WITH HER AFTER THAT THEN.

NO...

TONIGHT I'M...

TSUCCHI!

NOR-MALLY...

YEAH...

IT'S NOT LIKE I DEFINITELY HAVE TO PARTICIPATE IN IT.

IS IT OK FOR YOU NOT TO GO?

I WON'T GO TO THE GET-TOGETHER AND I'LL GO SEE THAT PLAY.

I GUESS ...

SEE YA KOMAI-KUN.

.....

TELL THE REGULAR I HAD SOMETHING TO TAKE CARE OF...

UM,

HOW COULD YOU BE SO INSENSITIVE!

JUST MIND YOUR BUSINESS...

HEY...

I WAS JUST TRYING TO FIND OUT HIS TRUE FEELINGS.

BRINGING UP THE TOPIC OF HIS GIRLFRIEND AT A PLACE LIKE THAT.

WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?

OF COURSE.

IT'S BECAUSE WE ARE BOTH AT FAULT.

NOT ONCE DID HE LOOK IN MY DIRECTION.

BUSHITSU

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO AFTER THIS?

HM...
THERE'S NOTHING PLAYING THAT I'D LIKE TO SEE...
WANT TO GO SEE A MOVIE?

IT'S ALRIGHT.
I HAVE SHIMAZU.
SHE'S ACTING LIKE NOTHING HAPPENED.
SO I'LL CONTINUE LIKE THAT AS WELL.

BUT I ALWAYS END UP BUYING A LOT OF STUFF I DON'T REALLY NEED. SO I TRY TO STAY AWAY

I DO,

BUT I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE IT

NO.

THEN LET'S GO TAKE A LOOK AROUND A GENERAL STORE?

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU LIKED THAT SORT OF THING.

OOH!

....

I-IS THAT SO...

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I HAVE SEEN SHIMAZU AFTER SHE WENT TO HER PARENTS' HOUSE.

I'M A BIG IMPULSE BUYER...

WINDOW SHOPPING IN GENERAL IS PRETTY BAD.

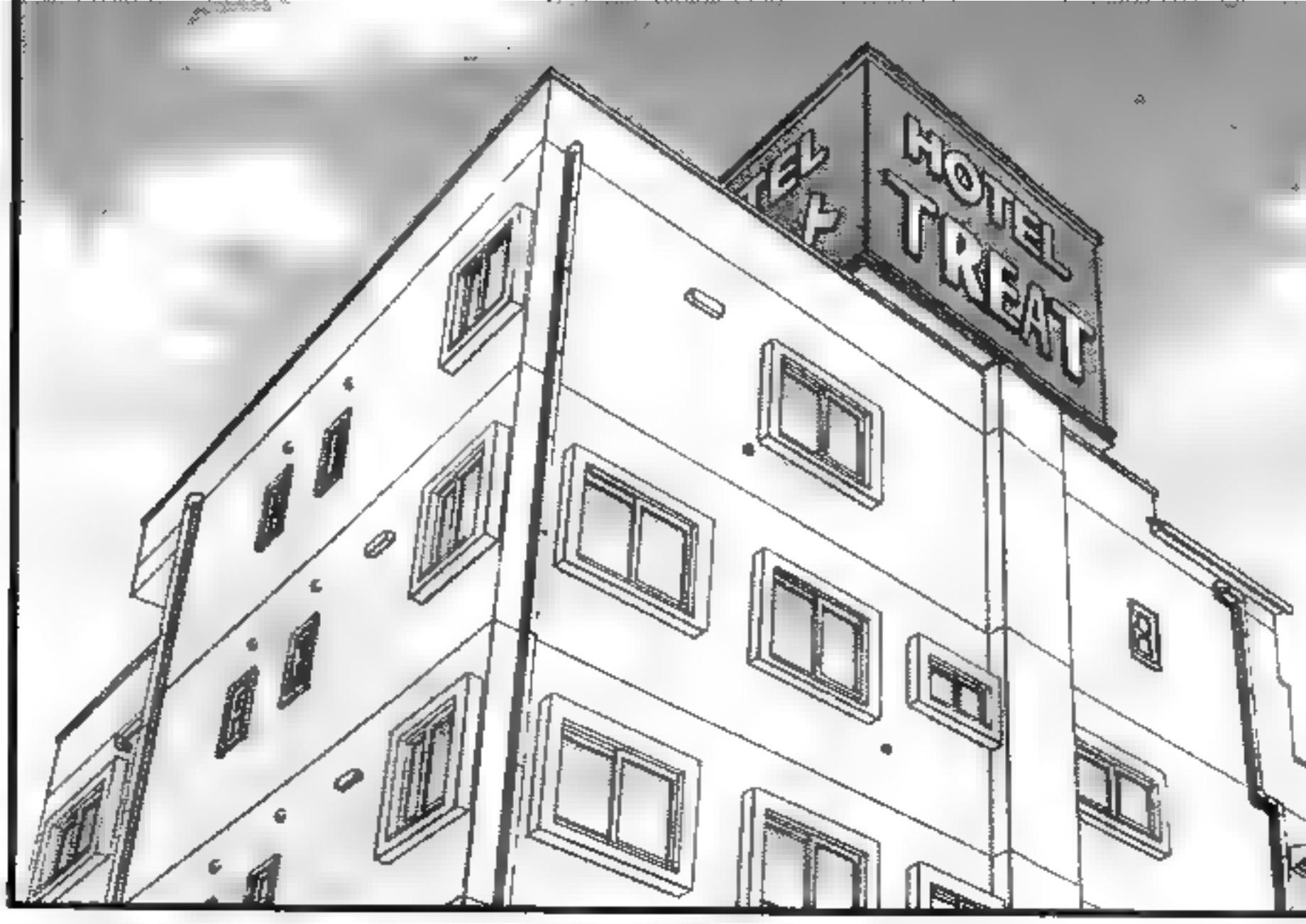
IF THERE'S NOWHERE IN PARTICULAR YOU WANT TO GO TO, THEN...

HEY...

COULD YOU EVEN CALL THIS A FIRST DATE?

THIS IS OUR FIRST DATE SINCE WE STARTED DATING.

NO.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TREAT

AH..
HAA.
HAAH.
AH.
AH...!

Haa!
Haa!

OF COUR-SE,

I WAS ALSO THINKING THE SAME...

SURELY AFTER HAVING LUNCH WE WOULD END UP GOING STRAIGHT TO A LOVE HOTEL.

I WANT YOU TO TOUCH ME...

KOMAI ...

PLEASE.

THAT FEELS ... SO GOOD ...

.....

YES...

JUST LIKE THAT ...

DO IT SLOWLY...

VERY OPEN DESIRES,

WHILE I WAS LOST IN SHIMAZU'S

OF OUR FIRST DATE AT THAT HOTEL.

WE SPENT THE REST

SOMETIMES I CAN'T HELP IT WHEN I GET LIKE THAT...

SO DON'T GET SCARED AWAY, OK...?

YOU KNOW,

UM.

OK

IT'S ALRIGHT.

SORRY!

I'M REALLY SORRY!!

HOTEL TREAT

BUT,

IF IT'S ALL THE TIME MY BODY MIGHT NOT ENDURE IT.

I'M HOME ...

IS THE BATH READY?

YOU COULD HAVE GONE IN FIRST.

.....

HEY,

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?

WE WENT OUT FOR DRINKS WITH PEOPLE FROM THE SOCIOLOGY SEMINAR.

HE TOLD ME HE IS WORKING THERE NOW.

WHATEVER IT IS YOU ARE THINKING NEVER CROSSED OUR MIND.

DESPITE SAYING YOU WOULDN'T SEE TSUCCHI AGAIN.

LOOK AT HOW LATE YOU COME BACK HOME.

DO YOU REALLY THINK HE HAS NO INTENTION OF THAT!?

IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME.

BESIDES I'M NOT THINKING ABOUT THAT AT ALL.

I DON'T THINK SO.

AFTER ALL,

HE'LL MOST LIKELY GO FAR AWAY AGAIN.

SO NO NEED TO WORRY.

HE PROMISED TO KEEP THINGS LIKE HOW I WANT THEM TO BE.

WHEN I WAS IN LOVE WITH HIM,

I USED TO HATE HIS BOASTFUL TALK ABOUT TRAVELING...

TODAY I SPENT THE WHOLE TIME LAUGHING.

HIS TRAVEL STORIES ARE FUNNY.

I KNOW THAT.

SO PLEASE STOP WORRYING.

IF IT GETS PAINFUL I'LL JUST END IT.

BUT I'M FINE LISTENING AND LAUGHING TO THEM NOW.

WHEN I'M LAUGHING,

I CAN GET BY WITHOUT HAVING TO THINK ABOUT ANYTHING...

IF I CAN JUST KEEP LAUGHING.

I DON'T HAVE TO THINK OF UNNECESSARY THINGS.

OR WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE.

ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED IN THE PAST.

I CAN FORGET ABOUT EVERYTHING.

WHEN I'M LAUGHING,

LIKE USUAL YOU LIKE TO TAKE THOSE LONG ASS BATHS.

SORRY FOR THE WAIT.

I CAN'T JUST DO THAT.

I TOLD YOU, YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO WAIT FOR ME.

LIKE USUAL YOU'RE NOT COMPLETELY HONEST ABOUT HOW YOU FEEL...

"BIG TITS" IS UNNECESSARY!

IT'S TOO DANGEROUS TO LET BIG TITS LIKE YOURS WALK ALONE IN THE NIGHT AFTER A BATH.

CAN'T YOU JUST SAY YOU'RE WORRIED SO YOU WANTED TO WALK ME HOME.

IT ALL MEANS THE SAME NO?

CAN I TALK IN SEDUCE MODE?

I KNOW I PROMISED

SEE LOOK AT THAT

AT A DISTANCE LESS THAN FAMILIAR LOVERS.

SAY...

WHERE ARE YOU GOING ON YOUR NEXT TRIP?

IT'S A GOOD THING TO KNOW "MY DEADLINE".

SOUTHEAST ASIA FOR TWO MONTHS.

I'LL BE DOING FIELDWORK AS GUIDE IN ADDITION TO DOING ODD JOBS.

I'M BEING SO UNFAIR.

ON TOP OF KNOWING HOW HE FEELS I'M DEPENDING ON HIM

I MEAN,

THEY EVEN INVITED ME TO BECOME A RESEARCHER

!

WHETHER OR NOT I CONTINUE AS A REGULAR WORKER OR JOIN THE MAIN RESEARCH IS UNDER REVIEW.

YUP.

SO THAT'S WHAT YOUR JOB ENTAILS?

SO IT'S NOT SOMETHING I NEED TO DECIDE ON RIGHT THIS INSTANT.

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THAT'S WHY,

WHETHER OR NOT I MAKE THAT COMPROMISE IT IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION.

...YOU'RE A TRAVELER RIGHT?

IF YOU'RE ROOTED AT THE SCHOOL YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO GO ON YOUR TRIPS ANYMORE, RIGHT?

JUST GOING TO WORK HAS BURIED MY ROOM FULL OF DOCUMENTS.

WELL IT WON'T BE EASY THAT'S FOR SURE.

.....

I'LL PASS ON THAT TONIGHT.

WANT TO STOP BY AND SEE?

MY APARTMENT IS CLOSE BY SO I SHOULD BE FINE FROM HERE.

GOOD NIGHT.

TSUCCHI CASTED ME ASIDE IN ORDER TO KEEP TRAVELING.

IF HE'S REALLY CASTING ASIDE HIS TRAVELS, THEN I...?

CHAPTER 32
FALLING APART

I THINK I'M GOING TO MOVE OUT AGAIN.

I,

IT'S BECAUSE THE COMMUTE FROM MY HOUSE TO SCHOOL IS PRETTY LONG.

YUP.

YOU WANT TO LIVE ON YOUR OWN?

COMING FROM OUR PARENTS' HOUSES TO SEE EACH OTHER WAS VERY EXPENSIVE IN HOTEL FEES AS WELL.

HOTEL TREAT

THAT WAS PART OF THE REASON I WANTED TO MOVE IN WITH MY EX.

IT WAS ALSO TOUGH SEEING HIM BETWEEN SCHOOL AND WORK.

ARE YOU STILL FIGHTING WITH YOUR PARENTS?

NO, NOT AT ALL.

IT'S NOTHING EMOTIONAL, BUT MORE OF A PHYSICAL PROBLEM.

YOU DON'T WANT TO HEAR ME TALKING ABOUT HIM.

AH!

SORRY.

.....

WELL...

THE NUMBER ONE REASON I WANT TO MOVE OUT IS BECAUSE I DON'T FEEL COMFORTABLE AT HOME.

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SHE BURIED MY ROOM WITH DOLL HOUSES AND STUFFED ANIMALS...

MY MOM TURNED MY ROOM INTO HER HOBBY ROOM WHILE I WAS GONE.

SO I GUESS THIS IS A PROBLEM OF FEELINGS.

I DON'T WANT TO TAKE AWAY HER HOBBY ROOM...

SO I'M SORRY WE WON'T SEE EACH OTHER AS OFTEN.

I SEE.

YEAH.

I HAVE TO FIND MORE WORK.

THAT WAY I CAN SAVE ENOUGH TO MOVE OUT.

OK

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

SHOULD I WORK MORE AS WELL AND START A FUND RAISER FOR YOU?

THAT'S ALRIGHT I'D FEEL BAD

I CAN'T LET YOU BE THE ONE WHO ALWAYS PAY FOR HOTELS AND SUCH.

IT'S THE THOUGHT THAT COUNTS.

THANKS KOMAI...

EVEN NOW,

THE DISASTER WITH HER EX IS STILL CASTING A SHADOW OVER HER.

I WANT TO DO SOMETHING THAT WILL MAKE HER HAPPY...

BUT WHAT KIND OF STUFF MAKES HER HAPPY?

AS HER PRESENT BOY-FRIEND,

I FEEL WORTHLESS NOT BEING ABLE TO HELP HER OUT...

MORE! GIVE IT TO ME..!

AAHN! THAT FEELS GOOD!

BESIDES THAT! SOMETHING BESIDES THAT!

UM NO!

MM!!♡

I HAVE TO SOAK IT IN.

SHIMAZU IS A REAL BIG DRINKER.

SHE LOOKS SO HAPPY WHEN SHE'S DRINKING.

YOUR HARD WORK IS MUCH APPRECIATED. HOW WAS YOUR DAY?

IT'S A LOT OF FUN TO DRINK WITH HER.

HER PACE AND THE AMOUNT SHE DRINKS IS CLOSE TO MY OWN.

ALCOHOL AFTER A LONG DAY OF WORK IS EXCEPTIONAL!♡

THEN...

WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER IF YOU WENT HOME TONIGHT AND GOT SOME REST?

I WORKED THE REGISTERS AT THIS DEPARTMENT STORE EVENT

I'M EXHAUSTED FROM BEING OVERWHELMED BY THE POWER OF THOSE LADIES.

WE STARTED DATING IN FEBRUARY.

WELL THEN...

SHOULDN'T WE GET GOING?

HUH!

ARE YOU OK WITH NOT GETTING ANY IN A WHILE?

NOT AT ALL!

I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN 5 DAYS.

...WELL NO...

I'M NOT.

THAT THIS IT WHEN WE HAVE THE MOST FUN.

HOTEL TREAT

NEITHER OF US WOULD SAY IT,

AAH!

MMN!

AAH!

RIGHT.

DON'T STOP!

I'M...

IT'S NATURAL TO BE IN ECSTASY DURING SEX.

THERE ...!

JUST LIKE THAT...

AH!

AAAH!

HOWEVER,

I FEEL GUILTY...

...OF BEING SELF-AWARE DESPERATELY TRYING TO COMPETE WITH HER EX-BOYFRIEND.

ALONG WITH,

THE FRUSTRA-TION OF...

WHETHER OR NOT I'M PLEASING HER MORE THAN HE DID.

NOT BEING ABLE TO WIPE AWAY ALL THOSE UNFULFILLED PROMISES.

STARTING FROM HER BODY.

BUT IN THE END I STILL DID IT...

BATH-ROOM IS FREE...

HUH?

I SHOW NO SELF-RESTRAINT.

I JUST REMEM-BERED SOMEHOW ...

THEY JUST CALLED ME TO FILL IN.

...

EH?

ONE OF THE NIGHT SHIFT FULL TIMERS AT WORK SUDDENLY CALLED OUT.

I'M SORRY KOMAI!

AH!

I HAVE TO LEAVE RIGHT AWAY.

WHAA?

SORRY! I'LL DEFINITELY MAKE IT UP TO YOU NEXT TIME!

HEY... SHIMAZU!

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TAKE A SHOWER...!?

I DON'T HAVE TIME!

I'LL TEXT YOU LATER!

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.....

...WAS THAT ON HER NEXT DAY OFF SHE WOULD SPEND AN ENTIRE DAY WITH WHATEVER DATE PLAN I CAME UP WITH.

MY COMPENSATION FOR "BEING LEFT BEHIND AT THE LOVE HOTEL"...

AND THE LIKE.

I WANT TO SPEND A DAY WATCHING A SUMO MATCH.

OR,

I WANT TO GO SEE THE CITY OF UEKI.

EITHER ONE IS NOT SOMETHING I THINK I CAN ENJOY TOGETHER WITH A GIRL...

HM———M...

A PLACE I WANT TO GO TO?

I GUESS GOING OUT FOR A DRIVE WORKS?

A PLACE WITH NICE SCENERY, GOOD FOOD, AND A PLACE TO STAY...

KARAOKE... I ONLY KNOW OLD SONGS...

GOING BOWLING... WOULD BE A WASTE OF A DAY.

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DENIED!

A HOT SPRING IS A "NO GOOD" WORD!

LET'S GO TO A PLACE WHERE WE CAN STAY!

I SHOULD JUST FRANKLY FOLLOW THIS DATE GUIDE...

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日帰りドライブ

かんわく デートプラン20選

I WANT TO CRY RIGHT NOW CONSIDERING MY LOW DATING SKILLS...

THIS ONE MIGHT MAKE HER HAPPY!

OOH!

CHECKING OUT HOW THEY PREPARE LOCAL SAKE AT A BREWERY.

A CAFE WITH A GOOD VIEW.

CREATIVE SEASONAL CUISINE.

I can't drink though.

Going on a drive rejected!!

SO A LONG DRIVE IS A LITTLE...

SORRY..

I HAVE WEAK SEMICIRCULAR CANALS...

I'M SORRY.

I PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU THAT BEFORE.

SHE KEEPS MAKING ALL THESE REQUESTS...

IF YOU PAY FOR ME, I WOULDN'T BE REALLY MAKING IT UP TO YOU.

I CAN ONLY RIDE A FEW RIDES AT AMUSEMENT PARKS.

ALSO IT WOULD BE A BIG HELP IF IT'S A PLACE THAT ISN'T VERY EXPENSIVE.

THEN...

THAT'S WHAT I WANT.

LET'S GO SOMEWHERE YOU WANT SHIMAZU.

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AT YOUR HOUSE...

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?

NO BUTS!

BUT...

YOU PROMISED TO DO WHATEVER I WANTED, RIGHT?

……!

HAVE DINNER TOGETHER.

THEN JUST RELAX WHILE WATCHING TV.

WITHOUT YUU. JUST THE TWO OF US.

IF POSSIBLE,

ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS GET BEER.

I'LL BUY THE GROCERIES TO MAKE DINNER AND BRING A DVD

I'LL DO SOMETHING ABOUT YUU AS WELL..

ALRIGHT GOT IT...

YUP.

IS THAT ALL...?

IS THIS GOOD ENOUGH FOR HER...?

THAT I WAS JUST WORRYING ABOUT THE TRIVIAL THINGS?

I LACK SO MUCH EXPERIENCE,

I SLEPT WITH HER.

I WATCHED HER FAVORITE DVD.

I ATE HER COOKING.

SHE'S TOTALLY WASTED ON ME.

YOU COULDN'T WISH FOR A MORE CHARMING GIRLFRIEND.

I SHOULDN'T HAVE ANY DISSATIS-FACTION, BUT...

EVEN THOUGH I'M HAPPY THERE IS SOMETHING LACKING.

ALL HER EXHAUSTION FROM WORK MUST BE PILING ON?

SHE SHOULD RELY MORE ON ME.

AM I, IS IT WRONG TO THINK THAT...?

AM I BEING A "PROPER" BOYFRIEND TO HER...?

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TABISEN♡

TRAVEL AND HOT SPRINGS ENTHUSIASTS! TABISEN FOR SHORT!

WE'RE TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR NEW MEMBERS!!

TABISEN

TABISEN

Come check it out

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文化祭
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湯たう呑んびう

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SIGH... OH JEEZ. HOW UNSIGHTLY CAN YOU BE?

BISEN

WELL EITHER WAY.

IF YOU HAVE NO INTENTION OF TAKING HIM BACK THEN HURRY UP AND MOVE ON?

IT'S DEPRESSING SEEING YOU LIKE THIS.

温泉愛好会

旅と温泉愛

HOW AM I DOING THAT?

I'M JUST SEEING HOW HANDING OUT THE FLYERS IS GOING.

YOU KEEP LOOKING AT HIM WITH THOSE EYES FULL OF REGRET.

IF I DO THAT HE WILL QUIT TABISEN.

……

YOU'RE BETTER OFF CUTTING OFF ANY CONTACT WITH HIM AND FORGETTING ABOUT HIM.

ANYWAY,

TABISEN

AS PRESIDENT,

I DON'T WANT TO DO ANYTHING THAT WILL MAKE ME LOSE PRECIOUS MEMBERS.

I CAN'T FORGET ABOUT HIM.

TABISEN

COME CHECK US OUT!

THAT IDIOT!

EVEN SO
I WANT HIM TO
BE THERE.

I CAN'T FORGET
ABOUT HIM IF HE'S
CLOSE TO ME.

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EVEN THOUGH
I MUST FORGET...

YOU WON'T
GET ANY
MEMBERS
LOOKING
DEPRESSED
LIKE THAT.

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I CAN'T HELP IT IF I DON'T COME THROUGH HERE I CAN'T GO THE SEMINAR BUILDING.

I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO STOP SHOWING UP AT TABISEN EVENTS!

HEY, WHAT THE HELL?

Tenni
Prin
会員募

BUT PROBABLY AFTER I'M DONE WITH MY FIELD WORK.

THERE'S REALLY NO DEADLINE PER SE.

WHEN DO YOU NEED TO GIVE THEM YOUR ANSWER... REGARDING THAT RESEARCHER JOB?

I'LL TAKE THE LONG WAY AND GO THROUGH THE BACK.

SO LATER.

THE NEW SEMESTER IS OFF TO A START.

I SAFELY BECAME A SOPHOMORE.

Come check us out!

Were tabisen!

ALL AROUND THE CAMPUS IT'S A NEW CLUB MEMBERS' SORT OF MOOD.

IF HE DOES STICK AROUND WITH ME.

TSUCCHI IS GOING TO STOP TRAVELING.

CAN HE MAKE ME FORGET ABOUT HIM...?

UM..ABOUT NEXT WEEK'S REGULAR SHIFT SCHEDULE..

I'M DONE HANDING OUT FLYERS.

I'M QUITE BUSY WITH TABISEN ACTIVITIES.

SORRY! I STILL HAVEN'T POSTED IT.

THANK YOU.

THANKS

SURE THAT'S FINE.

AS SUCH OPPORTUNITIES FOR US TO SEE EACH OTHER FACE TO FACE HAS INCREASED.

CAN I TEXT IT TO YOU LATER?

AH!

HOLD ON!

ALRIGHT I'LL GO ON AHEAD.

I'VE ALREADY GOTTEN USED TO PRETENDING LIKE EVERY-THING IS CALM.

?

YEAH... IT HASN'T CHANGED...

IS YOUR NUMBER... STILL THE SAME?

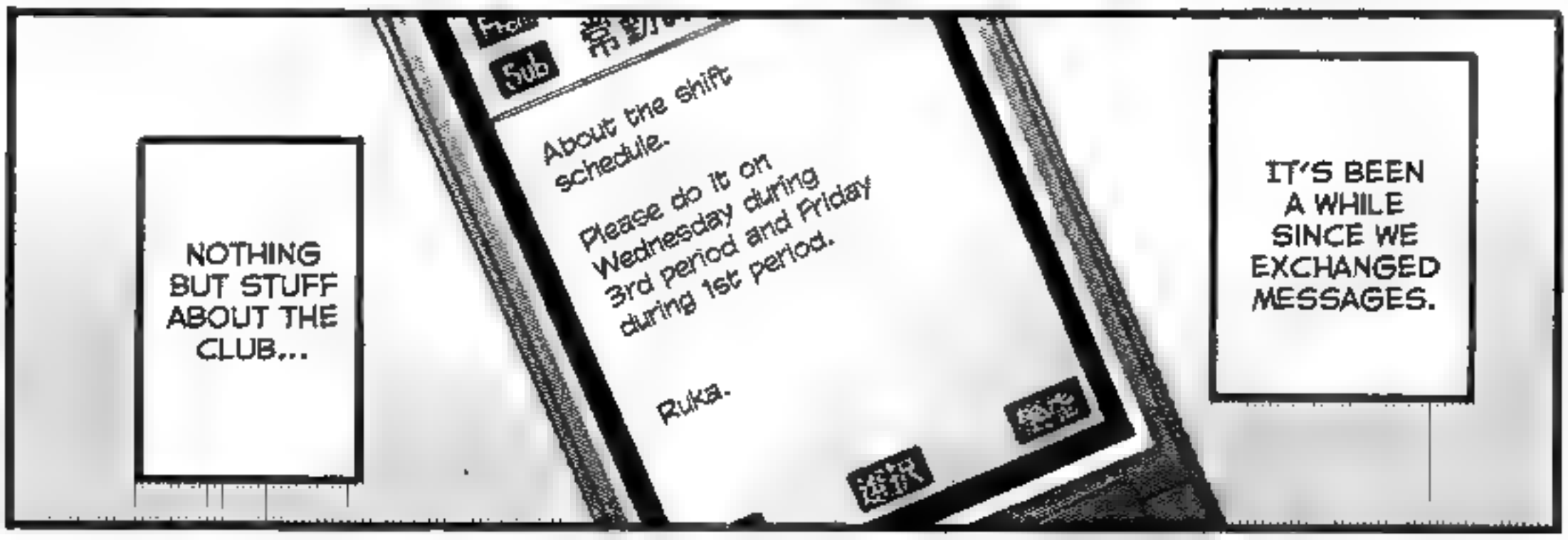
THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN.

OOH.

ALRIGHT THEN.

SHE DOESN'T TALK ABOUT CONTACTING EACH OTHER FOR ANYTHING ELSE BESIDES CLUB RELATED STUFF.

AS USUAL,


NOTHING BUT STUFF ABOUT THE CLUB...
Sub
About the shift schedule.
Please do it on Wednesday during 3rd period and Friday during 1st period.
Ruka.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE EXCHANGED MESSAGES.

AH!

IS YOUR NUMBER...STILL THE SAME?

HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE SHE'S TEXTED ME?

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I WAS SO SCARED OF BEING TOLD "I'M SORRY" I COULDN'T BEAR TO LOOK.

EVER SINCE THAT DAY,

Message Inbox 5/102

2/13 Ruka Shinohara

2/12 Ruka Shinohara

2/11 Ruka Shinohara

2/10 Ruka Shinonara

2/8 Ruka Shinonara

2/6 Ruka Shinohara

SHE SENT SO MANY.

WHAT DID SHE WANT? WASN'T SHE GOING TO REJECT ME...?

I IGNORED ANY INCOMING COMMUNI-CATION FROM HER...

2/10 16:36

Hey! Are you ok?
Are you so busy..you
didn't see my ast text?

Should I decide on Mount Fuji
for the trip?

And we'll go by car?

Please get back to me!

2/8 20:23

Your hard work is
much appreaciated!

Grampa, since you've
been so busy I'll think up
our travel plans!

Nikko or Mount Fuji
which do you prefer?

Also now do we get
there by car or train ?

Ah ♡ I'm looking forward to it!
Well talk to you later!

2/11 21:45

THIS IS ...?

Could it be that your phone
is broken..:?

I haven't been able to reach
you either.

Are you ill and bedridden..:?

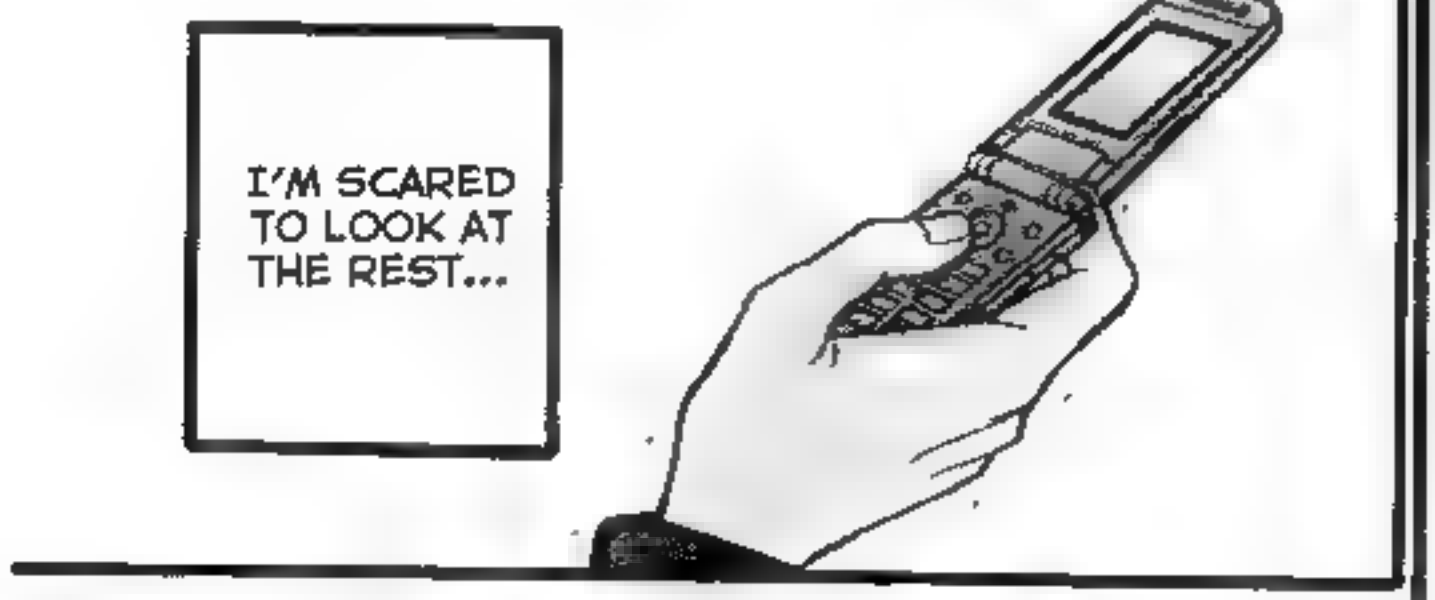
WHAT THE HELL?

2/12 ..:.. 22:51

I'm very worried.

I want to hear your healthy voice.

Please contact me.



I'm worried.

I want to see you.

IT'S LIKE SHE...!!

Since it's you granpa. I know you must have a reason for not contacting me.

That's why I'm very anxious...

Tomorrow I'm going over to your house. You might not be home though.

Even for a little bit I want to see you. I'll go home right after I just need to see you.

Sorry for saying these selfish things.

But I really want to see you.

Ruka.

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CHAPTER 33
FALSE

I LOVE YOU!

GRANPA!

I'M HEAD OVER HEELS IN LOVE WITH YOU!

RUKA-SAN ...

SO DO I...

I LOVE YOU TO DEATH!

RUKA-SAN...

I DON'T THINK SHE WAS PLANNING TO REJECT ME...

NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I LOOK AT THEM.

THE CONTENTS OF HER MESSAGES.

"SHE SAID SHE WOULD DEFRIEND ANYONE WHO TOLD YOU BEFORE SHE DID SO WE WOULDN'T SAY ANYTHING."

...

"WELL SHE WAS PLANNING TO CONFESS TO YOU AT THAT TIME."

SHE DIDN'T EVEN TRY TO DENY THAT.

SHE WAS KISSING TSUCHIYA-SAN.

THERE IS NO MISTAKING THAT.

BUT.

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WHAT ARE HER TRUE FEELINGS?

RIGHT HERE.

WRITE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS.

IF THIS IS HOW SHE FELT...

THEN WHY...?

THAT MAKES IT THE 13TH NUMBER I'VE GOTTEN. ♡

HEHEHE.

TABISEN

YAJI-SAN ...

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I'LL TREAT YOU TO KARAOKE NEXT TIME.

THANKS FOR CHECKING OUT TABISEN. ♡

I KNOW! I KNOW!!

THAT THIS NEW MEMBERS' DRIVE IS NOT FOR YOU TO PICK UP GIRLS?

HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU?

TREATING NEW STUDENTS TO FOOD, TAKING THEM OUT FOR FUN, AND HAVING THEM JOIN IS A CONVENTIONAL PLAN.

BUT, NO MATTER THE ORGANIZATION YOU HAVE TO DO SOME "WINING AND DINING", RIGHT?

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO "WINE AND DINE" GUYS.
THEY TAKE AN INTENSE LIKE/DISLIKE ATTITUDE TOWARDS GUYS.
I'LL LEAVE THE GUYS TO YOU!
THEN PLEASE INVITE GUYS AS WELL.
YOU HAVE THE TWINS.
ALL BY MY-SELF!?
I...
I DIDN'T JOIN BECAUSE I HAD MY EYE ON HER.
I MEAN FOR GUYS ALL WE NEED TO DO IS HAVE OUR PRESIDENT, RUKA-CHAN, LAY ON THE SEXY AND GUYS WILL FOLLOW IN TOW RIGHT?
JUST LIKE WE DID LAST YEAR.
HUH?
IS THAT SO?

IF I HAD KNOWN IT WAS HER I WOULDN'T HAVE JOINED IN THE FIRST PLACE!

THAT'S NOT WHY!

DIDN'T YOU JOIN BECAUSE THAT GIRL YOU SAW NAKED ALL SPREAD EAGLE TURNED OUT TO BE RUKA-CHAN?

THEN RUKA-SAN WAS THERE SO...

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SO I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO VISIT THE CLUB ROOM

SHE INVITED YOU TO CHECK OUT THE CLUB, YAJI-SAN.

I WAS DRAWN IN BY THAT SMILE.

SO THEN I JOINED JUST LIKE THAT...

WELCOME TO TABISEN!

I GOT ONE RIGHT HERE.

OBSCENE DICK! GRANPA KOMA!

BASEBALL CLUB

?

I TOTALLY HAD AN EYE ON HER...

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THE HELL A GUY?

PLEASE SIT RIGHT HERE...

I HAVE REGULAR'S DUTY SO EXPLAIN HOW THE CLUB WORKS TO HIM.

AS YOU CAN SEE IT'S A LITTLE MORE TROUBLESOME THAN YOUR AVERAGE TRAVEL CLUB.

AH, THIS IS A SAMPLE REPORT.

HOWEVER AFTER A TOUR YOU MUST SUBMIT A REPORT FOR TABISEN.

BASICALLY, YOU'RE FREE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THE TOURS.

OH CRAP ...

DOING THIS OR THAT.

WE RECEIVE ROOM AND TRAVEL EXPENSES FROM THE SCHOOL. SO WE CAN'T JUST SIMPLY GO TO HOT SPRINGS AND HAVE FUN.

YAWN

IT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE THIS REPORT IS ANNOYING THAT WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF MALE MEMBERS...

THEY ARE ALL CUTE GIRLS!?

FOR REAL! I GET TO TRAVEL WITH A HAREM LIKE THIS!?

♨ 参加メンバーコメント ♨

THAT WAS A NATURAL VIRTUE OF OUR LAST PRESIDENT...

BUT FOR THE MOST PART, SINCE THERE ARE A LOT OF FEMALE MEMBERS TEAMS COULD END UP LIKE THAT...?

SINCE WE DON'T HAVE MANY GUYS..

IS THERE ANY MIXED BATHING?

NO!

THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE WITH OUR FEMALE MEMBERS. WE AREN'T JUST HERE TO HAVE FUN...

There are also club activities too

THERE SHOULD BE MIXED BATHING RIGHT!

MORE SO BECAUSE WE AREN'T JUST HERE TO HAVE FUN!

ESPECIALLY IF THIS IS TRULY ABOUT HOT SPRINGS!

WHAT THE HELL IS THE POINT OF AVOIDING IT JUST BECAUSE IT'S A WELL-KNOWN SPRING OR A SECRET HOT SPRING!?

CAN YOU REALLY SAY YOU TRULY LOVE HOT SPRINGS WITH THAT!?

IT'S NOT LIKE YOU HAVE ANY INTEREST IN HOT SPRINGS YAJI-SAN, RIGHT?

YEAH.

BUT AS A MEMBER OF TABISEN,

I CAN PROTECT OUR HOT SPRING LOVING FEMALE MEMBERS FROM THE WANDERING EYES OF MALE GUESTS.

Thanks Yaji-kun ♡

He's so reliable ♡

I CAN SKILLFULLY DO THAT WHILE AT A MIXED BATHING BATH!

YOU KNOW AS A FELLOW MEMBER!

A REAL TROUBLEMAKER JUST JOINED ...

OH SHIT!

SO YOU ALREADY DECIDED ON JOINING?

OH?

WHOA FOR REAL! THAT'S SO BAD ASS! I WANT TO HELP YOU WITH THAT!

IT'S DOMOTO-KUN...

HIS NAME ISN'T VIRGIN...

SO THAT VIRGIN FROM BEFORE JOINED.

OOH?

WHO KNOWS ...?

WHATEVER NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT HIM, HE'S A VIRGIN!

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NOT A VIRGIN!
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I KNOW IT'S KINDA LATE BUT CONGRATS.

SO YOU REALLY GOT A GIRLFRIEND.

I SEE.

RIGHT NOW IT'S ALL ABOUT THE HOT ACTION, RIGHT?

NACHI-SAN.

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I GUESS YOU ARE PUTTING OUT PHEROMONES.

SOME OF THE NEW STUDENTS WERE SAYING YOU SEEM COOL.

SHE IS RUKA-SAN'S BEST FRIEND.

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I'M SURE SHE KNOWS EVERYTHING.

IS THERE SOMETHING YOU WANT TO SAY?

SHE KNOWS YET SHE WON'T TELL ME ANYTHING.

TABISEN

ACTING LIKE NOTHING HAPPENED...

JUST PRETENDING LIKE EVERYTHING IS CALM ON THE SURFACE.

RUKA-SAN DOING THAT IS PLENTY.

PLEASE JUST COME OUT AND SAY IT.

TELL ME THE TRUTH ABOUT HER FEELINGS.

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NOTHING I WANT TO SAY OK?

THERE'S...

THERE'S NOTHING STOPPING YOU FROM CHANGING YOUR FEELINGS.

YOU'RE FREE TO CHOOSE WHO YOU WANT TO BE WITH.

AS FOR YOU, WHETHER YOU MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE OR NOT.

IT'S SOMETHING I DON'T KNOW.

WELL TO ME ANYWAY.

I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED IF YOU WAITED FOR RUKA'S ANSWER.

NACHI-SAN...

I'VE ALREADY DECIDED,

I WON'T MEDDLE WITH THE TWO OF YOU ANYMORE.

SHE WOULDN'T TELL ME ANY MORE THAN THAT.

THE FIELDWORK SCHEDULE HAS BEEN DECIDED.

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JULY

AS SOON AS SUMMER VACATION STARTS

SO,

I WANT TO BE ONE STEP AHEAD. I WANT TO GO TO THE ACTUAL PLACE BEFORE THAT AND WANDER AROUND.

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CAN I DO THAT?

REALLY?

THEN I'LL GO A MONTH BEFORE.

W-WHY WOULD YOU NEED MY PERMISSION TO DO THAT?

GO AS LONG AS YOU WANT!

DID YOU ALREADY DECIDE TO TAKE THE JOB?

Y-YOU ...

I MEAN HYPOTHE-TICALLY SPEAKING IF I TOOK IT.

NO.

I DO!

I BETTER ENJOY GOING ON MY TRIPS WHILE I STILL CAN.

I KNOW RIGHT.

I STILL THINK IT WON'T SUIT ME MUCH.

IT'S LIKE...

I STILL CAN'T IMAGINE YOU AS A RESEARCHER.

IT MADE ME HAPPY.

HOWEVER BEING TOLD I CAN STAY AT THE SAME SCHOOL I'VE BEEN GOING TO FOR 7 YEARS,

I CAN'T JUST TURN THAT DOWN RIGHT?

AND ON TOP OF THAT THEY ARE WAIVING ALL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

SO...

YOU'RE REALLY GOING TO DO IT

DO YOU WANT ME TO TAKE IT?

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I DON'T KNOW...

I JUST DON'T KNOW.

I'VE LOOKED AT THEM SO MANY TIMES I'VE MEMORIZED THE CONTENTS.

STILL I JUST DON'T GET IT.

I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED IF YOU WAITED FOR RUKA'S ANSWER.

WELL ANYWAY TO ME,

IF I HAD WAITED A LITTLE LONGER,

WOULD I HAVE RECEIVED THE SAME ANSWER JUST LIKE IN THAT DREAM I HAD?

I CAN'T TAKE BACK WHAT I'VE DONE.

I,

I'M AFRAID TO FIND OUT.

BUT I CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT IT.

IF I FOUND OUT NOW ...

I DON'T KNOW.

I DON'T WANT TO KNOW.

I WANT TO FIND OUT.

I DON'T WANT TO FIND OUT

I HAVE SHIMAZU NOW.

TAH-
DAH!
♡

SO? SO?
HOW DO
YOU LIKE
IT?

IT'S A
LITTLE
CRAMPED,

BUT THIS IS
MY CASTLE.
♡

IT'S A
BRIGHT AND
FINE ROOM.

MY LOVER INVITED ME TO HER NEW APARTMENT.

IT HAS A GREAT VIEW AS WELL. ♡

THEY TOLD ME I CAN SEE THE FIREWORKS EVENT DURING THE SUMMER AS WELL!

I KNOW!!

I PICKED IT BECAUSE OF HOW THE SUN HITS THE ROOM!

THE FEELING OF GUILT TOWARDS HER.

KOMAI?

WHAT'S MAKING ME FEEL UNCOM-FORTABLE IS...

ALL BECAUSE OF MY SELF-LOATHING.

NO, NOTHING AT ALL...

HUH?

YOU LOOK OUT OF IT TODAY.

IS SOMETHING WRONG?

I...
WHEN I GET CAUGHT UP IN MY OWN STUFF I FORGET ABOUT EVERYTHING ELSE...

I JUST MOVED IN AND DIDN'T EVEN CONTACT YOU ABOUT IT.

REALLY IT'S NOTHING AT ALL...

I'M NOT MAD.

ARE YOU MAD BECAUSE I DIDN'T DISCUSS IT WITH YOU BEFOREHAND?

I CAN'T ENDURE THIS ANY LONGER.

HE USED TO SAY I DID EVERYTHING MY WAY.

MY EX USED TO HATE THAT A LOT

THINKING ABOUT ANOTHER GIRL THIS WHOLE TIME.

I'LL TRY TO BE A LITTLE MORE CAREFUL ...

I'M SORRY.

BEING HERE,

COME ON STAY OVER TONIGHT.

IT'S A LITTLE FAR FROM YOUR HOUSE,

BUT I CAN SEE YOU NOW WITHOUT WORRIES ABOUT A CURFEW.

WHAT THE HELL AM I DOING...?

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I TOLD YOU I'M NOT AT ALL.

ま!!

JEEZ!

ARE YOU STILL MAD?

A BUNCH OF LIES!

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IT IS A BUNCH OF LIES.

BUT I PRETENDED LIKE I WAS WAITING FOR IT.

I'M NOT REALLY IN THE MOOD.

I'M DESPICABLE.

WHILE I DREAM ABOUT RUKA-SAN.

I'M LYING NEXT TO SHIMAZU WHO IS SLEEPING.

CHAPTER 34

LOVER

新歓祭

Presented by 生会館管理委員会

THIS CULTURE CLUB SINGING CONTEST IS STARTING TO HEAT UP!

OUR FIRST CONTESTANTS FOR THE SECOND HALF ARE THE TRAVEL AND HOT SPRINGS ENTHUSIASTS' MASCOT TWINS. THE KURAHASHI SISTERS RINA AND RENA!

祭 STAFF

祭 STAFF

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ONE, TWO...

ON THREE ...

OK!

リナ・レナ fighting!

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SHOW SOME EXCITEMENT FOR THEIR MUSICAL SELECTION "THE LONELY TROPICAL FISH".

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R!I!N!A!
R!E!N!A!
WHAT THE HELL?
WHOA...
ALL THOSE GUYS ARE PART OF THEIR FAN CLUB.
THE KURAHASHI SISTERS HAVE MANY HARDCORE FANS WITHIN THE SCHOOL.
ME!?
OF COURSE THEY ARE REFERRING TO YOU!
FAN CLUB!?
BY THE WAY THAT FAN CLUB GOES BY THE NAME OF "THE DIE, DIE KOMA! SQUAD!"
TABISEN
TABISEN
りすみんけ ぐんば

La La La ♪ Laa La laa ♪ La La Laa ♪

IT'S OBVIOUS YOU'D ATTRACT A LOT OF ANIMOSITY WALKING HAND IN HAND WITH THE LOVELY TWINS, NO?

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BUT NACHI-SAN SAID,

"GRANPA KOMA IS THE MOST POPULAR GUY IN TABISEN..."

THAT'S MORE LIKE GRANDKIDS ATTACHED TO THEIR GRANDFATHER.

THAT?

That's how they saw us.

I HAD NO IDEA ...

TABISEN

SHE ALSO SAID "HE'S FIVE TIMES MORE POPULAR COMPARED TO OBSCENE DICK. HE'S A MUCH BETTER GUY." ETC...

THAT'S COMPLETELY DISREGARDING ME, RIGHT!?

Why would they go so far as telling me to die ?

HIM!?

HUH?

THAT'S AN ABBREVIATED NICKNAME.

OH YEAH OBSCENE DICK. HOW COME THEY CALL YOU OBSCENE DICK?

THAT DAMNED FLAT CHESTED BITCH!

Ke Ke Ke!

HUH!!

IT'S SHORT FOR "OBSCENELY WILD DICK".

...SO SAY THE LADIES.

.....

YEAH MAN I HAVE A WILD PECKER.

THAT'S WHY GRANPA LOOKS LIKE A SINCERE PERSON IN COMPARISON.

"Obscenely wild dick"

W-WHOA THAT'S A BAD ASS NAME.

TABISEN ACCEPTED KIYOSHI DOMOTO (18) AS ONE OF ITS NEW MEMBERS.

Already wearing it

OH MAN! I WANT GIRLS SAYING I HAVE A WILD DICK TOO!

TABISEN

APRIL IS ALMOST OVER.

THE DRIVE FOR NEW MEMBERS IS AT ITS PEAK.

IT SEEMS HIS FAVORITE PHRASE "BAD ASS" MEANS "AWESOME" OR "COOL".

Hanana

YOU'RE SO BAD ASS OBSCENE DICK!

NO, MASTER!

THERE ARE ALSO LOLITA TYPES, BIG SISTER TYPES, BOYISH TYPES, AND OTHER VARIATIONS.

AMONG ALL THE CULTURE CLUBS THE GROUP AVERAGE FOR PRETTY GIRLS IS TOP LEVEL.

TABISEN IS SO BAD ASS!

SHE SAYS SHE DOESN'T HAVE BOYFRIEND,

BUT THAT'S DEFINITELY A LIE RIGHT?

I MEAN EVEN THE CLUB PRESIDENT IS SUPER BAD ASS!

THAT BODY OF HERS IS DANGEROUSLY BAD ASS!!

BUT TRUTH IS AFTER THAT,

I SAW HER WALKING WITH SOME GUY!

SHE'S "CURRENTLY TAKING APPLICATIONS."

YUP.

IS THAT WHAT RUKA-SAN SAID?

IT LOOKED LIKE...

KIND OF LIKE A MATURE MAN AND WOMAN WALKING TOGETHER.

THE AIR AROUND THEM DIDN'T SEEM TO BE THAT OF JUST FRIENDS.

SO PERSONALLY, I SUSPECT THAT SHE'S REALLY WITH THAT MAN.

WELL.

THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH US.

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I HAVE TO GO DO MY REGULAR'S SHIFT.

LET'S GO GET UDON OR SOMETHING.

I'M HUNGRY.

RIGHT?

YEAH ...

IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME.

AH.

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TABISEN

AH... UM...

THE CROWD WENT WILD DURING THE WHOLE THING ...

THEY RECEIVED THE JUDGES' SPECIAL AWARD.

HOW WAS THE TWINS' PERFORMANCE?

YOUR HARD WORK IS MUCH APPRECIATED.

TABISEN

DON'T GET FLUSTERED.

I WOULD HAVE LOVED TO HAVE BEEN THERE.

IS THAT SO?

WHETHER OR NOT SHE HAS A LOVER,

THE NEW GUY DOMOTO-KUN IS VERY ENERGETIC.

HE WAS HYPED UP ABOUT JOINING TABISEN.

IT'S NO LONGER ...

MY CONCERN.

YEAH...

HE'S A FUNNY GUY.

FOR STAYING IN TABISEN.

THANK YOU...

...!

I THOUGHT IT WAS INEVITABLE THAT YOU WOULD HAVE WANTED TO LEAVE THE CLUB.

SO I'M GLAD YOU STAYED.

EVEN IF...

NO MATTER HOW FAINT...

SHE STILL LIKES ME.

I...

I LIKE EVERYONE...

...IN TABISEN.

TABISEN

IT'S ALREADY TOO LATE.

"GRANPA IS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN BE THE NEXT PRESIDENT."

EVERYONE IS SAYING,

THE MEMBERS THIS MORNING WERE VERY INDIVIDUALISTIC. SO IT'LL BE TOUGH.

BUT IF IT'S YOU GRANPA I'M SURE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO UNIFY THEM.

SENIORS LIKE ME NEED TO START JOB HUNTING SOON.

SO PRACTICALLY THE 2ND YEAR STUDENTS ARE THE REAL LEADERS.

IT'S NOT FLATTERY AT ALL!

THAT'S ...

PLEASE STOP TRYING TO FLATTER ME...

AH.

BYE. I SHOULD GET GOING...

THANK YOU.

WELL.

BECAUSE IT'S ALL OVER.

TABISEN

SURE.

ARE YOU BUYING GROCERIES AT THE SUPER-MARKET?

HEY

DO YOU WANT TO GO SHOPPING LATER WITH ME TODAY?

Tsk, tsk, tsk'

?

FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY PRESENT...

...PREVIEW.

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PRE-VIEW?

"PREVIEW"?

IF I PICK IT OUT SOMETHING IT'LL DEINITELY BE OFF THE MARK

IT'LL BE A BOTHER IF I GET YOU SOMETHING YOU DON'T NEED.

I'D BE HAPPY WITH WHATEVER YOU GET ME, OK?

I ALSO WANT YOU TO LOOK FORWARD TO IT,

SO YOU'RE GOING TO PICK OUT A FEW CANDIDATES. THEN I'LL PICK ONE OUT FROM THERE.

I DON'T WANT TO WASTE MONEY AS THE GIFT GIVER.

SO IT'LL BE BETTER IF YOU PICK OUT SOMETHING YOU WANT.

SOUNDS REASON-ABLE...

BUT SHIMAZU,

YOU JUST STARTED LIVING ON YOUR OWN. YOU HAVE YOUR OWN EXPENSES, RIGHT?

I DON'T WANT YOU TO WASTE MONEY ON ME...

IF I THINK IT'LL BE A WASTE. I WON'T GET YOU ANYTHING.

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I HAVE A PRECIOUS LOVER.

KENTHOL

TOP OF BEERS

orange

er & Silver

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LET'S CHECK OUT THIS STORE AS WELL.

IT'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM LAST YEAR'S BITTER BIRTHDAY.

LAST YEAR ...

MISERABLY ALONE I WENT A HOT SPRING FOR MY BIRTHDAY ...

I HAVE A LOVER WHO ENJOYS...

...WALKING AROUND LOOKING FOR A BIRTHDAY PRESENT FOR ME.

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KOMA!?

AT A TIME LIKE THIS!

DON'T RECALL THAT!!

WAS...

WAS THERE A NEED FOR YOU TO SLAP YOURSELF THAT HARD...?

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THERE WAS A BUG...

ON MY FACE...

STOP MAKING THAT MISTAKE.

HAHA...IT PROBABLY GOT AWAY?

There's nothing left

DID...

YOU SPLATTER IT WITHOUT A TRACE?

I WAS WONDERING WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?

MY PRECIOUS PERSON IS RIGHT HERE.

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SORRY FOR BEING LATE.

NORMALLY WOULDN'T YOU THINK I CAUGHT A COLD?
Did they take out your crown?
WHAT'S WRONG...? WHY DO YOU HAVE THAT MASK ON?

EVEN SOMEONE LIKE YOU CAN CATCH A COLD!?

WHAT THE HELL IS THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

YOU DON'T NEED TO FORCE YOURSELF. I CAN GO TO THE ART GALLERY ALONE.

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YOU HAVE A FEVER TOO!

WELL CERTAINLY, I HAVEN'T HAD A FEVER SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL.

THEN YOU SHOULD GET SOME REST!

SORRY.

I'LL GO GET SOME REST THEN.

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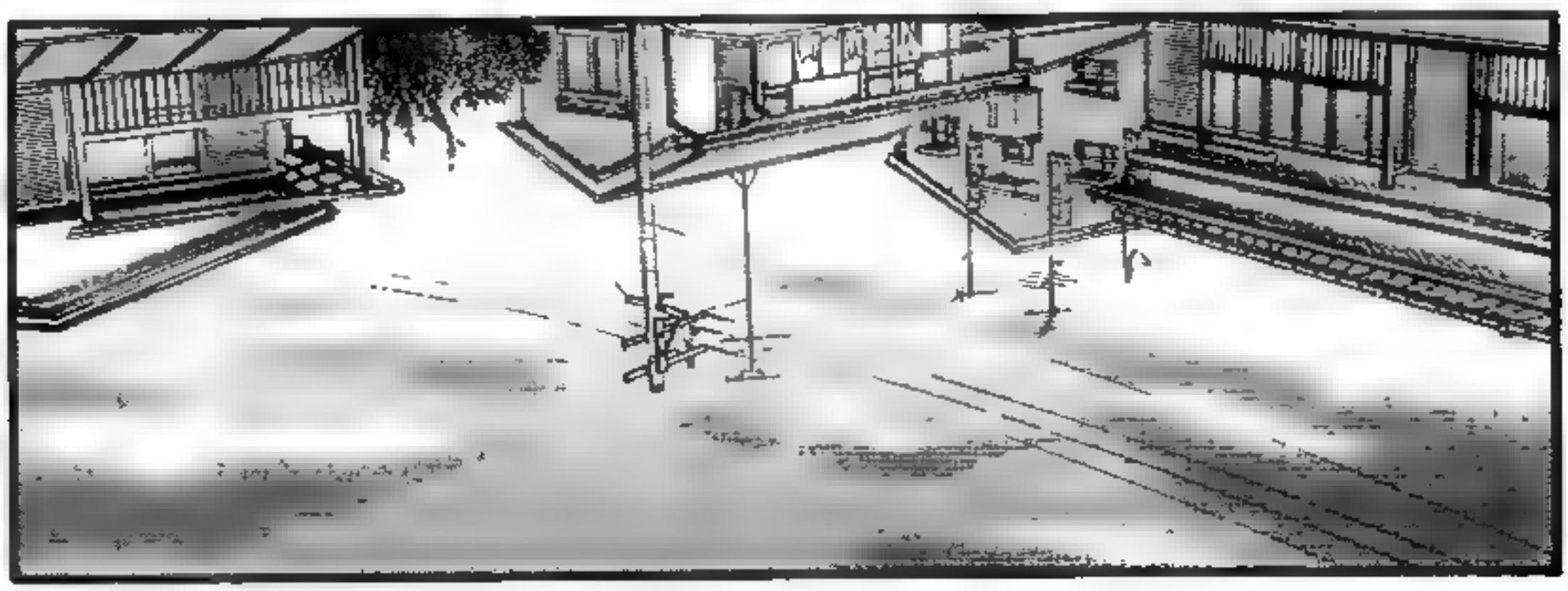

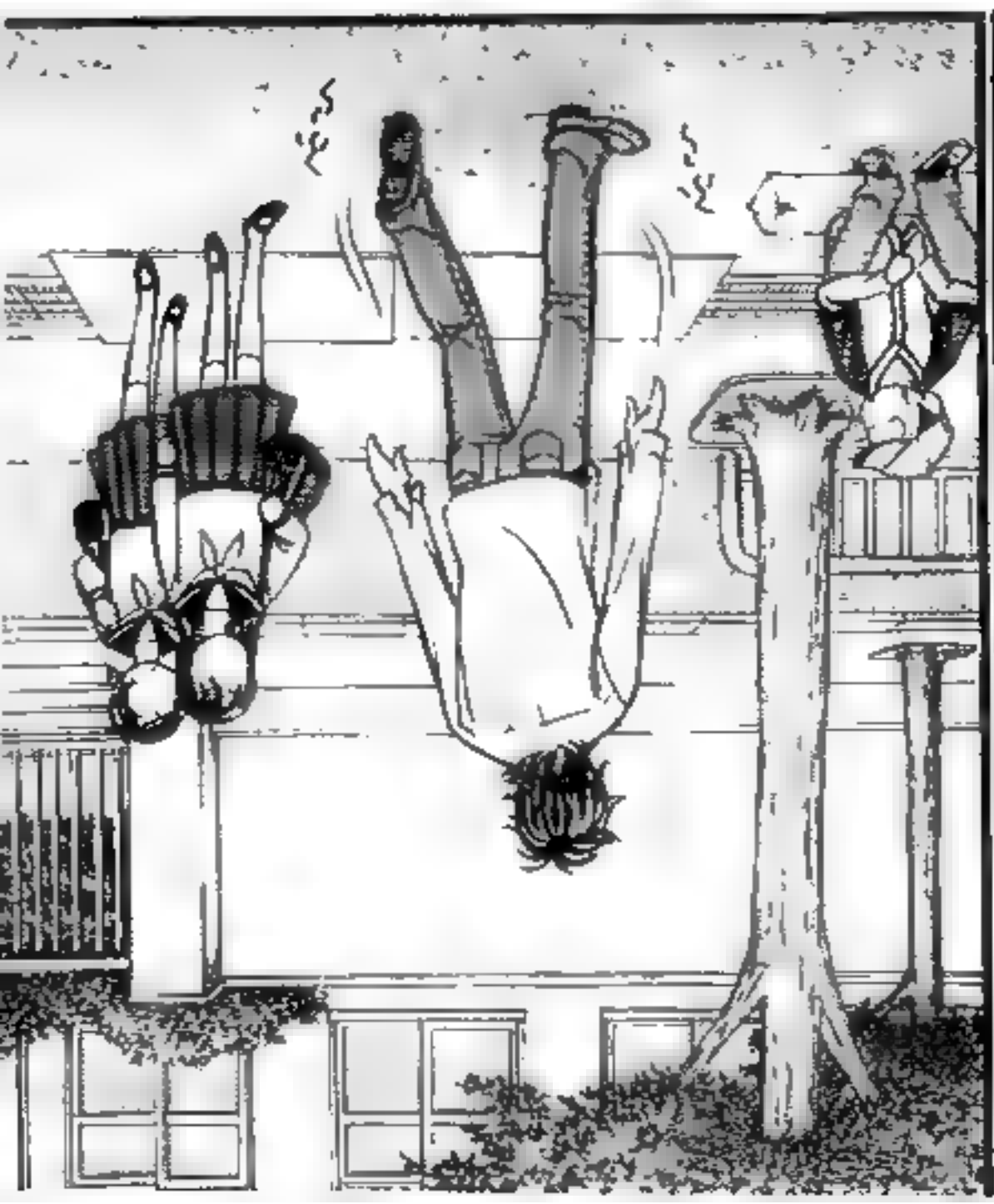

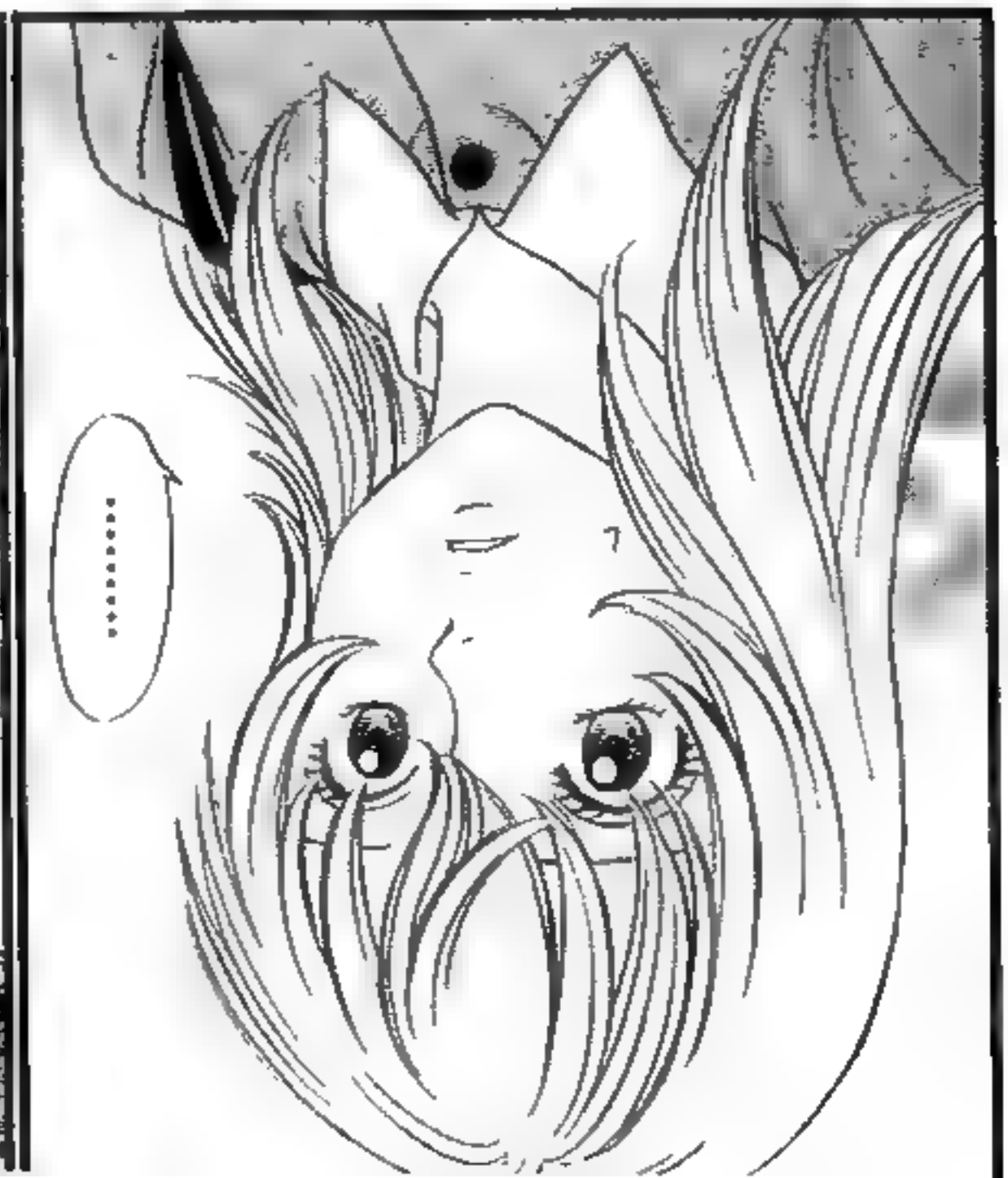

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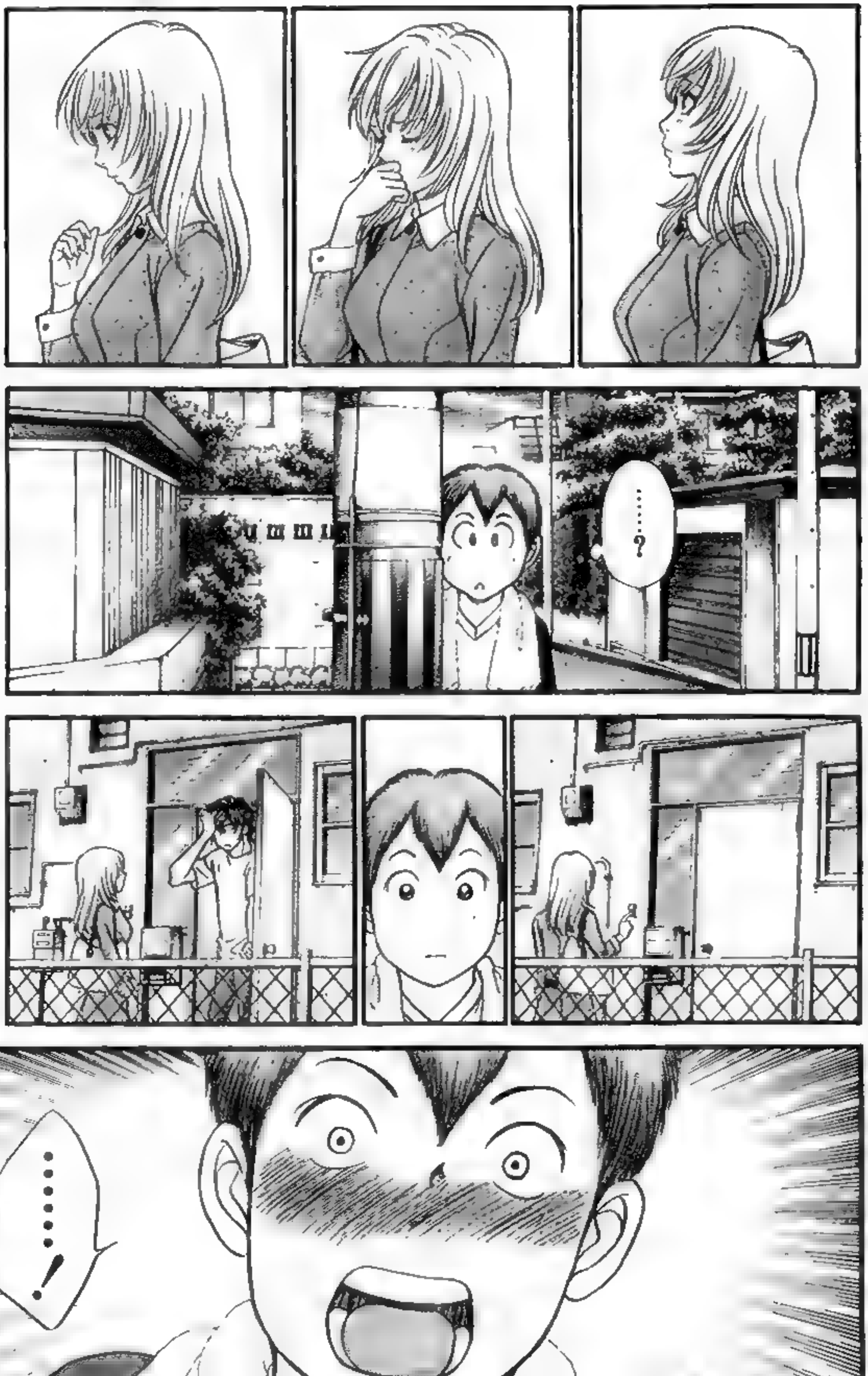

THIS ISN'T GOOD. WHY IS THE ROOM LIKE THIS?

WHA..!?

I TOLD YOU MY ROOM WAS BURIED IN DOCUMENTS.

GOOD GRIEF!

IT'S NO WONDER WHY YOU'RE SICK BEING COOPED UP IN THIS MESS.

I CAN'T DEAL WITH THIS.

CAN I CLEAN UP A BIT? I'LL BE QUIET.

KNOCK YOUR-SELF OUT

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I PROBABLY CAUGHT THIS COLD AT MY OTHER JOB.
I'M CONSTANTLY WALKING IN AND OUT OF A REFRIDGERATOR.
NO, NOT AT ALL.
THIS HARD ON YOU...?
IS YOUR JOB AT THE SCHOOL...
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I HOPE THAT'S THE CASE...
IT'S ALL NOTHING BUT SWEET THINGS.
YOGURT AND FRUIT JELLIES. WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE?
I HAVE APPLES, CANNED PEACHES, PUDDING,
I BOUGHT A BUNCH OF STUFF.
HEY
ARE YOU HUNGRY?

OKAY.

THEN.

CUT UP AN APPLE FOR ME.

No slipups!!

I ALSO HAVE READY TO MAKE RICE PORRIDGE. ♪

THEN FEED IT TO ME. ♡

SHE HAS NO INTENTION OF COOKING ANYTHING!

YEAH, YEAH.

DON'T GET COCKY!!

PUNK!

IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN HIM IN SUCH A WEAK CONDITION.

HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S IN PAIN...

HMM——MM...

I'D FEEL AWKWARD JUST LEAVING HIM LIKE THIS...

THAT NIGHT, I BEGGED HIM TO SLEEP WITH ME.

THE LAST TIME I VISITED THIS ROOM.

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EVEN IF HE HAD, HE'S NOT THE TYPE OF PERSON WHO WOULD HAVE STUCK AROUND FOR LONG.

WHY WAS HE SO UNDERTEMINED ABOUT BECOMING LOVERS...?

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HUH?

I WOKE UP COVERED IN SWEAT.

I TOOK A BATH SINCE IT MADE FEEL DISGUSTING.

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LOOKS LIKE THE MEDICINE WORKED.

IT WENT DOWN.

W-WHAT ABOUT YOUR FEVER ...

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I'LL BE GOING HOME NOW...

T-THEN ...

T-TAKE CARE!

NO WAY... I FELL ASLEEP!?

W-WHAT TIME IS NOW!?

AROUND FOUR IN THE MORNING?

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DON'T GO.

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DON'T GO.

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PLEASE.

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

I GOT HIS HOPES UP.

I NEVER DREAMED...

THAT YOU WOULD COME TO TAKE CARE OF ME, RUKA.

SO THAT'S WHY YOU CAME OVER..?

YOU DIDN'T THINK I WOULD TRY ANYTHING.

TSUCCHI ...

YOU WERE TREMBLING FROM YOUR FEVER.

D-DID ...

DIDN'T YOU SAY WE'LL BE JUST FRIENDS?

BUT I GOT BETTER BECAUSE YOU BOUGHT ME MEDICINE.

YES.

I WON'T FORCE YOU IF YOU DON'T WANT TO

I DID.

DOES HE MEAN..!

YOU DON'T WANT TO?

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DO I...WANT TO SLEEP WITH HIM...?

HE WAS THE PERSON I DESIRED FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART.

AT ONE POINT,

RUKA.

I LOVE YOU.

IF I ENTRUST MYSELF TO HIM LIKE THIS.

CAN WE GO BACK?

HAA...

.....!

IF WE COULD
GO BACK...

WILL HE
BE THE ONLY
ONE I SEE?

OUR FEELINGS
FROM THAT TIME.

IF IT CAN MAKE ME FORGET ABOUT HIM ...

ARE YOU SCARED?

SO RELAX.

LEAVE EVERYTHING TO ME.

DON'T WORRY.

IF IT'S TOO PAINFUL FOR YOU, I'LL STOP RIGHT AWAY.

IN A SWEET, GENTLE VOICE...

YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL ...

MORE SO THAN I COULD EVER IMAGINE.

IN THE PAST YEAR.

NO MATTER WHERE I WAS.

YOU WERE ALWAYS ON MY MIND, RUKA.

WITH HIS HANDS GENTLY TOUCHING ME...

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AAH!

NMAA..

AH!

PLEASU-
RABLE
TICKLING
- ON MY
NIPPLES
WITH HIS
TONGUE.

NMM
...

UNF
...!

EVEN THOUGH I WANT TO BE IN ECSTASY...

HAA...

HAF...

HAAH...

HAFF...

EVEN THOUGH I AM FEELING ALL THIS...

WHY IS IT MAKING ME SO SAD?

NOOO!!

TSUCCHI
...

I'M SORRY
...

RUKA..?

I'M SO SORRY.

I JUST CAN'T DO THIS...

I JUST CAN'T GIVE UP...

NO MATTER WHAT...

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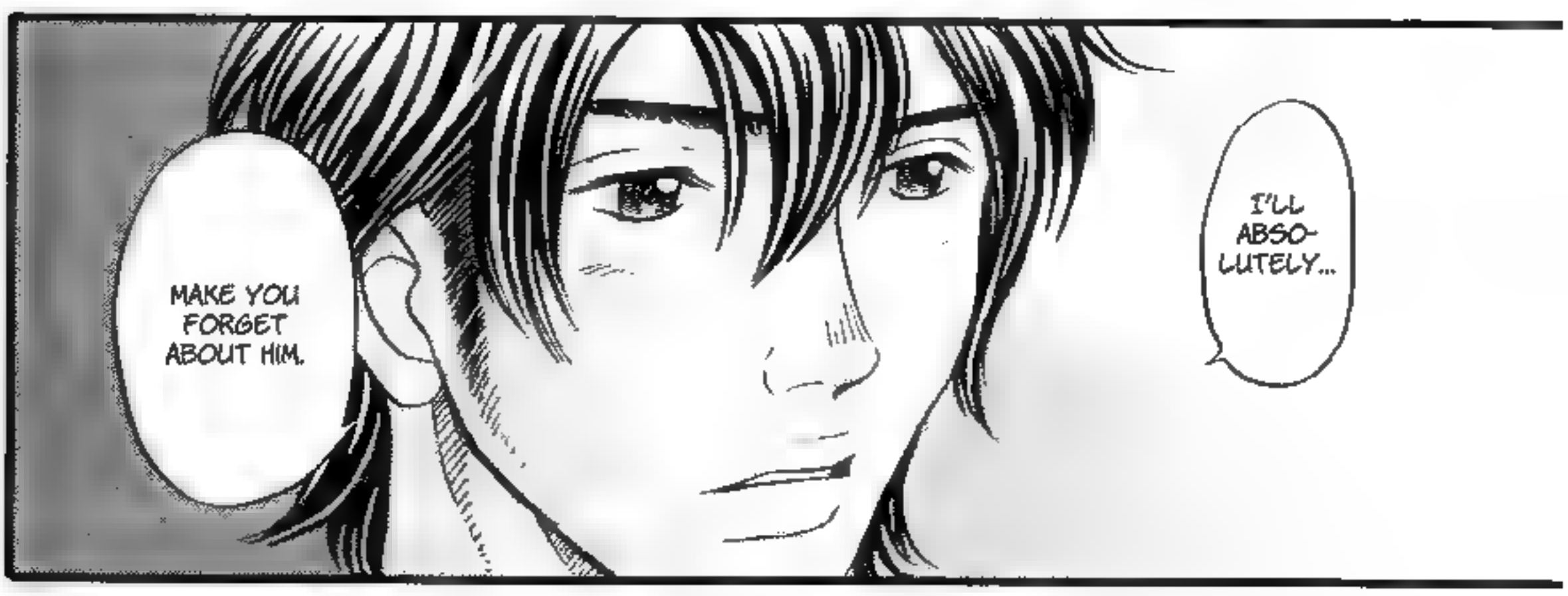
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT KOMAI-KUN ...?

HE WAS SO STRAIGHTFORWARD WHEN HE THOUGHT OF ME.



HE LOVED ME SO MUCH.

THAT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TSUCCHI.

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I EXPECT THAT YOU'LL NEVER FORGET ABOUT YOUR TRAVELS,

AT ANY COST.

AS FOR YOU,

I UNDERSTOOD THAT, FOR THE FIRST TIME WHEN I FELL IN LOVE WITH *HIM*.

UNREASONABLY MAKING YOU PUT UP WITH THE THINGS I WANT TO DO JUST SO YOU CAN BE TOGETHER WITH ME...

...THAT'S JUST NOT RIGHT.

TO ME,

IF JUST BEING TOGETHER IS ENOUGH TO MAKE ME HAPPY...

A GENTLE ROMANCE WHERE TWO PEOPLE MUTUALLY THINK THAT SUITS ME BETTER.

I UNDERSTOOD WHAT IT MEANS TO BE
FILLED WITH A SOFT, WARM HAPPINESS.

THANK YOU...

I'M SORRY FOR BEING SELFISH.

FOR LETTING ME RELY ON YOU...

UNTIL NOW

FAREWELL,

MY FIRST LOVE

TSUCCHI.

FARE WELL,

IT'S REALLY GOOD-BYE.

THIS TIME,

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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I mean the crackers are just extras from work.

TO CALL IT GRAND EVEN THOUGH IT'S JUST A BUDGETARY FEAST WITH A SHABBY FEELING.

IT'S NOT SHABBY AT ALL. EVERYTHING LOOKS SO DELICIOUS.

Yaa——y!

THANKS ...

FOR THE GRAND PARTY...

I...

I'M DEEPLY TOUCHED.

I'M REALLY HAPPY.

I'LL GLADLY RECEIVE IT.

MOVING ALONG, TIME FOR YOUR PRESENT

MAY 4TH.

IT'S A PARTY WITH JUST THE TWO OF US IN SHIMAZU'S ROOM.

MY 21ST BIRTHDAY.

FROM THE SIZE OF THE BOX I'M GUESSING IT'S.....

HMM I WONDER WHAT IT IS?

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PROPERLY SPEAKING IT IS EAU DE TOILETTE.

PERFUME...?

It's more diluted than perfume.

ISSEY MIYAKE

L'EAU D'ISSEY POUR HOMME

THAT WAS THE ONE YOU LIKED THE MOST AMONG THE OTHER STUFF

I PICKED IT BECAUSE IT SEEMED LIKE SOMETHING YOU'D NEVER BUY FOR YOURSELF!

AREN'T YOU GLAD YOUR PRESENT IS A LUXURY ITEM YOU DIDN'T PAY OR BUY FOR YOURSELF?

RIGHT?

YEAH...

I WOULD NEVER BUY SOMETHING LIKE THIS IN MY LIFETIME...

I SEE...

OH...

NO.

I REALLY DO LIKE THAT FRAGRANCE,

KOMAI, YOU SAID YOU REALLY LIKED THIS FRAGRANCE BEFORE...!

How could I get the wrong one!?

YOU GOT TO BE KIDDING ME! I GOT THE WRONG ONE!?

SO THEN WHY WOULD YOU BUY IT FOR ME!?

ER....

I CAN'T HANDLE ANY KIND OF PERFUME...

I'm part of the fragrance free faction

BUT WHAT I MEANT WAS THAT IF YOU WEAR PERFUME THIS THE KIND YOU LIKE...

I'm not really into stylish stuff

THAT'S WHY, YOU WANT ME TO USE IT.

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I DON'T LIKE WEARING ANY ON MYSELF,

BUT I LOVE SMELLING IT ON A GUY.

WELL TRY IT ON! ♡

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I HAD A SACCHARINE BIRTHDAY...

YUP!

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE,

THAT'S A NICE SCENT. ♡

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NO MAAATTER HOW LONG I'LL WAAIT!

I'LL WAAAIT!

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Eveee～nnn if yo～uuu,

Never look baa～ck!!

RUKA SAYS THIS IS HER THEME SONG RIGHT NOW.

There's a record of this song at my mom's house

ANOTHER OLD ASS SONG...

UNTIL THE DAY SOMEONE ELSE REJECTS YOU.

I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU.

I MEAN ...

WHAT KIND OF MENTAL STATE ARE YOU IN THAT YOU CAN HAPPILY SING THAT WITH SUCH VIGOR?

"ALWAYS WAITING UNTIL THE GUY YOU LIKE IS DUMPED BY HIS GIRLFRIEND"? THAT'S ONE GLOOMY SONG...

TODAY IS GRANPA'S BIRTHDAY!

YAY!

ESPECIALLY WHEN SHE HAS NO GLARANTEE THAT GRANPA KOMA WILL EVEN BREAK UP WITH HIS GIRLFRIEND.

YA KNOW?

JUST WAITING FEELS LIKE SUCH A WASTE.

AFTER I DECIDED TO SERIOUSLY PURSUE AN UNREQUITED LOVE IT'S JUST OOZING OUT OF ME.

WELL.

HMM.

THAT'S BECAUSE I MADE HIM THINK I PICKED TSUCCHI INSTEAD!

HE GOT TIRED OF WAITING AND RAN TO ANOTHER WOMAN THOUGH.

I DON'T NEED ANY GUARANTEES.

GRANPA WAITED FOR ME.

I WOULDN'T WANT TO GET BETWEEN THEM.

IF HE'S HAPPY WITH HER RIGHT NOW.

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ALSO NOT ONE WORD ABOUT THIS TO ANYONE ELSE!

I CAN'T HELP IT...

NO MATTER HOW MUCH I TRIED I JUST COULDN'T GIVE UP ON HIM...

IF I WAS IN YOUR SHOES,

I WOULD JUST GIVE UP AND FIND THE NEXT GUY.

.....

I MEAN...

EVEN I THINK...

I'M BEING A LITTLE CONCEITED ABOUT THE WHOLE THING...

SO IN THAT CASE ...

IT'S NOT LIKE THERE IS ZERO POSSIBILITY.

I STILL ...

IT'S NOT LIKE HE SAID HE HATES ME.

THAT'S WHAT I THINK ANYWAY.

I DON'T WANT TO GIVE UP.

SO AS LONG AS HE INTERESTED...

KEEPS COMING AND GOING...

BUT THE LOVE BETWEEN YOU AND I...

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